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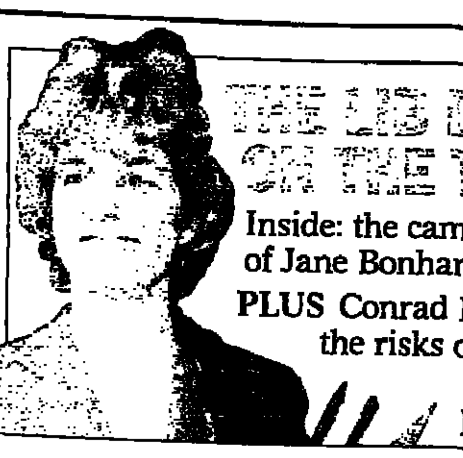

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Pioneering operation on two-year-old

Fertility hope for boys who survive cancer

By Ian Murray, medical correspondent

THE human fertility watchdog has authorised a revolutionary treatment to give boys facing cancer therapy that will render them sterile a chance of fathering children later in life.

The treatment will be used for the first time in the next couple of weeks on a boy aged two who is suffering from a rare metabolic disorder that requires a bone marrow transplant and chemotherapy that will leave him sterile. Doctors hope that the procedure will offer hope to thousands of children who are now surviving cancer, but face adulthood with no prospect of having children of their own.

The pioneering case was referred to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority last week. It agreed, after a week of intense debate about the ethics and legality of the situation, to allow testicular tissue cells to be taken from the boy before the cancer treatment starts and frozen in liquid nitrogen until he reaches puberty. They could then be re-injected.

Experiments in sterile rats and mice have shown that the process can successfully "repopulate" the testicles, making it possible for them to reproduce. But it will obviously be many years before anyone knows whether the procedure works for human beings.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act requires written and informed consent from a patient before tissue is taken and used in fertility treatment. The boy concerned, Oscar von Memerty, is too young to give such consent, but the authority approved the procedure because the Act covers only mature tissue and the cells that will be taken from Oscar are not.

The authority ruled that the case was fundamentally different from that of Diane Blood who was refused permission to be impregnated by her dead husband's sperm because he had not given his written consent for it to be used before he died. If, however, Oscar eventually decides to have his cell tissue re-injected, he will then have to give written permission.

Oscar and his sister Valeska, 4, both suffer from a rare genetic disorder that will cripple and kill them by their early twenties unless they have bone marrow transplants. Because the law in their native South Africa prohibits such transplants unless the donor is a sibling, Ian and Vivienne von Memerty scoured the world for somewhere their children could be treated using marrow from an unrelated donor. They chose Manchester Children's Hospital and Valeska completed her transplant treatment there two weeks ago. Oscar is due to have his soon.

Bone marrow transplants require massive doses of chemotherapy, which inevitably leads to sterility and the children's parents were resigned to that until they received a telephone call from a South African television station ten days ago alerting them to research into being carried out in Nottingham.

The work is being led by Simon Fishel, a biologist who was part of the team behind the first test-tube baby. He runs a chain of clinics worldwide, including one in Johannesburg, where he had been the subject of a television film. The television company also knew about the von Memerty family and realised the relevance of the fertility work.

Mr von Memerty contacted Mr Fishel and asked for Oscar to be given the treatment — as he said last night: "I had to give my son a chance of leading a normal life once he is cured."

Mr Fishel agreed and will make no charge. He said: "This is not a gimmick, but an increasingly important issue in the cancer treatment of young children. There are now 10,000 young adults who have recovered after chemotherapy while they were children, but the majority of them are sterile. The number of these survivors is increasing at the rate of 500 a year.

"We have many reservations about whether this will work, but it does offer a realistic hope as opposed to the certainty that a patient will grow up sterile."

The plan now is for Oscar to have the tissue removed just before the bone marrow transplant begins, so that he will need only one anaesthetic.

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SIMON WALKER

Oscar von Memerty with his father, Ian. The two-year-old's essential chemotherapy will leave him sterile

Ashdown coalition hint splits Lib Dems

By Jill Sherman and Nicholas Wood

SPLITS in the Liberal Democrat leadership over closer links with Labour last night threatened to overshadow the opening of annual conference today in Eastbourne.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, suggested that the joint cabinet committee on the constitution which met for the first time last week could extend its remit to cover Europe and Northern Ireland.

He also conceded the possibility of a coalition with Labour in a Scottish Parliament, having earlier angered some MPs after raising the prospect of a coalition at Westminster.

But he came under attack from a number of senior MPs, including Charles Kennedy and Malcolm Bruce and Professor Earl Russell, the Liberal Democrat peer. Later conference delegates expressed their unease about Mr Ashdown's remarks at a private session last night.

Charles Kennedy, agricultural spokesman, warned that any moves to coalition could leave "blood on the carpet".

Speaking on BBC radio's *The World This Weekend* Mr Kennedy said there "was a current of apprehension" among members about the risk of losing the party's distinctive identity.

"We are an independent political party, out there to win votes and secure influence and power," said Mr Kennedy. "We have to be extremely careful about using words like coalition."

Malcolm Bruce, the party's treasury spokesman, gave a warning against letting Labour drag its heels over the promised referendum on PR which could leave the Liberal Democrats "high and dry".

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French bishops to say 'sorry'

French bishops will offer a formal "repentance" for the Roman Catholic Church's failure to condemn the persecution of Jews during the Vichy regime. The "declaration on the attitude of bishops in the war" will be made at the site of the principal Jewish internment camp ......Page 14

Soros warning

George Soros, the billionaire financier, told the IMF in Hong Kong that the global economic boom will soon end in bust. He also attacked Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia Page 50

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Crash train warning system 'was not working'

By Arthur Leathley, transport correspondent

A CATALOGUE of safety failures may have been partly to blame for the train crash in London on Friday which killed six people and injured 170.

Investigatorshave discovered that the second of two of the train's automatic safety systems failed to work during the high-speed journey from Swansea.

Safety investigators have been told that an in-cab alarm which is designed to alert a driver's attention to warning signals, had been reported faulty earlier. The automatic warning system (AWS) which sounds a klaxon in the cab if signals indicate that the train should slow down, is a back-up fitted on all trains.

However the driver's log of the Swansea-London journey records details of the AWS system being "isolated" by the time the train left Cardiff.

The disclosure came after it emerged that a more sophisticated back-up, the automatic train protection (ATP) system, that had been subject to trials on the same rail line, was not working, although it was fitted to the train.

The new evidence is likely to play a key part in the investigation into the crash, which happened when the passenger train crashed into an empty freight train at Southall, west London.

Great Western, which runs the Swansea-Paddington service said that if the warning system was found to be faulty, rules allowed the train to complete its journey but the fault had to be rectified at the end of the journey.

The AWS, that has been used as a back-up for more than 30 years, sounds an alarm in the driver's cab as the train passes yellow signals warning of a possible red signal ahead. The driver presses a button to acknowledge the alarm and automatic braking happens if he fails to press the button.

The ATP system, used in France and Germany and on Eurotunnel trains, is more advanced than the warning system because it will take over if the driver is not braking. After the Clapham rail crash in which 35 died, an inquiry report called for the system to be fitted in all trains.

However, the £700million cost, and the system's unreliability in trials, has meant it is being used on only two domestic lines, the Great Western service, on which the crash train was travelling, and the Chiltern route out of Marylebone.

Trade union leaders yesterday claimed that they had agreed an end to the practice of having an assistant driver only because of the prospect of a new warning system. The position of assistant driver, used as a "second pairs of eyes" on all trains travelling more than 110mph, was abandoned as part of restructuring by Great Western last year, in line with other companies.

Crash inquiry, page 7

Private schools boost bright pupils' chances

By John O'Leary, education editor

BRIGHT pupils who go to independent schools are more likely to win places at top universities and secure well-paid jobs than children of similar ability educated at state schools, according to research to be published later this week.

The findings cast doubt on the common assumption that bright children will fulfil their potential in any environment. Instead, they suggest that parents confer an advantage on their children by rejecting the state system and investing up to £100,000 in school fees.

A study tracking the progress over a decade of 600 young people who scored similar marks in tests aged 11 but who took contrasting educational paths will reassure fee-paying parents. Almost 40 per cent of the independent school pupils went on to Oxford, Cambridge or one of a small number of "elite" universities identified by the researchers, compared with fewer than 30 per cent of those from grammar schools and fewer than 10 per cent at comprehensive schools.

More than 20 per cent did not take any form of higher education after comprehensive schooling, compared with fewer than 15 per cent at grammar schools and fewer than 9 per cent in the independent sector.

All the children chosen for the project passed entrance examinations for selective state or independent schools, or were judged capable of doing so. Of the 300 opting for independent schools, almost half were on assisted places in highly academic schools.

Those interviewed, who are now reduced to 346, were in their mid-twenties when the latest phase of the study was carried out last year. Almost two-thirds now have a degree and some are earning more than £30,000 a year.

The study, to be reported at the European Conference on Educational Research, in Frankfurt, shows a strong link between educational achieve-

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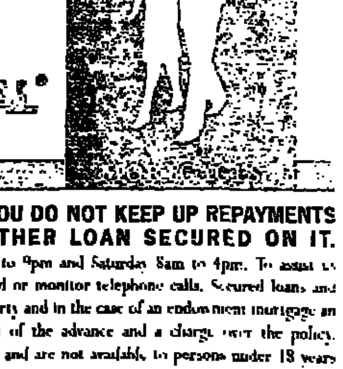

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Brazil 1, Oxford and Cambridge submariners 0

From Gabriella Gamini in Manaus

THE Oxford and Cambridge rowing crews sank yesterday in the Rio Negro in Brazil after waves caused by an unruly flotilla of yachts, motorboats and jet-skis carrying Brazilian spectators flooded their boats.

The crews, including several of the oarsmen who took part in this year's Boat Race and others who had been in previous years' crews, sank halfway into an arduous 7.6 mile "Amazonian Boat Race", in which a Brazilian eight made it to the finish. Twenty-five minutes into the race along the Rio Negro, a three-mile-wide Amazon tributary, hundreds of yachts, boats and other vessels, loaded with spectators, ignored warnings from navy patrol boats and got too close.

The boats accompanied the race which started from the port of Manaus, capital of Amazonas state. Dozens ignored loudspeaker warnings and crossed into the rowing lanes. Several high-speed boats swerved in and out of the crews' paths.

The Oxford eight, who were running third in the race, went down first. Cambridge, a few strokes behind the Brazilian team, sank minutes later.

"We were hit by one large wave and within no time the boat filled and we sank. Our boat also cracked and it was all over in a flash." Charlie Humphreys, 20, a biochemistry undergraduate who will be training to be in next year's Oxford Boat Race crew, said. "The waves stirred by those boats who just got too close caused us to sink."

Tim Foster, 26, a member of England's Olympic fours and the stroke for the Oxford team, said: "The waves were too difficult to cope with; the Brazilians had a better idea of where to be on the river."

The Oxford crew sat in their seats with water up their necks for several minutes before they were rescued.

The Brazilian team made it past the finish line after 46 minutes and thousands of people lining the sandy shores cheered. Most have never seen a boat race before and were just happy to know that their team had won.

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Labour to revive its computerised spin-doctor

By James Landale, Political Reporter

EXCALIBUR, Labour's huge computer database, is to return to service amid concern among ministers over the effectiveness of Whitehall's public relations machine.

The computer, which formed the heart of the party's "rapid rebuttal" media unit during the general election, has been out of action since May 1 due to lack of funds. Some ministers have been so dissatisfied with their departmental press officers that they have demanded Excalibur's return to ensure that any attacks based on incorrect information can be rebutted immediately. Excalibur can also give ministers political ammunition — which neutral civil servants cannot provide — and Labour is keen to return to its pre-election "war footing" and step up its attacks on William Hague, the Tory leader.

Labour's decision to mothball Excalibur has been criticised by Ken Follett, the Labour-supporting best-selling author who helped to set up the database. In a newspaper article he said: "An asset that cost £1 million has been wasted through sheer stupidity."

The decision to revive Excalibur ends an internal row over whether the party, which is £4.75 million in the red after the election, can afford the £250,000-a-year machine. Some officials argued that outside an election period. Excalibur was an unnecessary extravagance. Bringing the computer back into service could cost £500,000 because up-to-date information would have to be inputted and there would have to be new hardware. Labour chiefs have resolved the issue by beginning an urgent search for external financial backers and extra staff.

Before the election, swift access to past policy announcements, speeches and press cuttings allowed Labour to counter Tory propaganda and to clarify its shadow ministers' own statements. Since May 1, however, all but one of Excalibur's ten staff at the party's Millbank headquarters near Westminster have gone. Although the computer is still switched on, little new information has been scanned into the system and it is hardly ever used. Before the election, huge volumes of new data, including speeches, press releases and newspapers, would be fed daily into the computer.

A source said: "The system is effectively dead. Some of the more embarrassed officials are saying it is still running but it is not. The whole point about a database like Excalibur is that you keep feeding the machine with information. That is not happening at the moment." But he added: "There are moves afoot to find new backers." Officials hope the computer will be back at full capacity by December 31.

Labour is looking for a series of "high value donors" to share the costs. In 1994, the initial set-up budget was covered by a big donation from Philip Jeffrey, the multimillionaire businessman. He is unlikely to provide the funding this time, sources said.

In his article, Mr Follett also criticised officials for rejecting a plan to turn the database into a commercial business that gave its services free to Labour. "No new scanning has been done since May 1," he said. "A database deteriorates in a week or two if it is not updated. It is now worthless. Even the hardware needs upgrading."

Devolution plans on hold

By Andrew Pierce

MINISTERS have shelved plans for English regional devolution until after the next election because of the wafer-thin majority for a Welsh assembly.

The decision was taken by ministers who feared the prospect of a series of divisive and time-consuming referendums disrupting the legislative programme.

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, confirmed yesterday that the plans for English regional assemblies had been postponed. But he said that he hoped the "momentum" of decentralisation would eventually lead to a desire for elected English regional authorities, following the votes for a Scottish parliament and a Welsh assembly.

Mr Prescott said the Government was taking the first steps by setting up regional economic development agencies in England — but elected assemblies were some years off. "I don't think you can get that before the end of this parliament, regional government," he told BBC1's *On the Record*.

However, ministers were pushing ahead with an elected authority and mayor for London, with a referendum on May 7 — the same day as the local elections — which he hoped would answer the "doubting Thomases".

The Government had made a start towards some decentralisation by laying plans to set up English regional development agencies, but regional government would take time because of the structure of local administration.

STEFAN ROUSSEAU/PA

Sir Teddy Taylor on Southend seafront yesterday. He said he had been too polite in listening to the escape details

Tory MP denies plotting to spring friend from Indian jail

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

A LEADING Tory MP has been linked to an alleged plot to spring a British arms dealer from an Indian prison.

Sir Teddy Taylor confirmed yesterday that details of the attempt to rescue Peter Bleach, a member of his constituency party who faces a possible death sentence, were presented to him at the House of Commons last Wednesday.

He said he did not take the scheme seriously because it was so "complex and far-fetched". One of those involved is John Miller, who was part of an unsuccessful attempt to snatch Ronnie Biggs from Brazil in 1981.

Mr Bleach is accused of supplying weapons to an extremist Hindu group. The *News of the World* yesterday quoted Sir Teddy as saying at a second meeting with Mr Miller on Saturday: "My friend [Bleach] has been very unfairly dealt with. You're going to have to get him. You've got the big job of getting him."

The MP, who claimed the newspaper had quoted him out of context, said he had asked Mr Miller for details of the escape plan only because he wanted to tip off the authorities. Before he had time to make the call, however, he was confronted by the *News of the World*.

Labour MPs have called for an inquiry into the actions of Sir Teddy, an MP for 17 years. Sir Teddy said he became involved after an approach from a political contact who brought Mr Miller to the Commons. He wanted to ensure that the Indian courts knew that Mr Bleach had kept the British Government aware of his arms deal, even though Whitehall officials had tried to persuade him to abandon it.

"All I thought, in fairness to Peter — because this could lead to his being hanged — was the least the [British] Government should do is tell the courts of India what had happened," Mr Taylor said.

Mr Bleach, 45, a former intelligence officer, will go on trial this week after being held in a Calcutta jail for 18 months. He is charged with abetting the waging of war in India.

Sir Teddy said he was contacted again by Mr Miller, who said he had documents that would confirm the MP's theory that the Lockerbie bombing was carried out by a Syrian. They met in a pub near his Rochford and Southend East constituency. Mr Miller arrived with another man he has since discovered to be a reporter. Mr Miller had no Lockerbie documents.

Sir Teddy said: "At the first meeting, I didn't treat it seriously. At the second meeting, this chap [Miller] did seem to have some serious ideas.

"If you hear the whole tape, you will understand." He said he had been too polite in listening to the details of the plan. "I just wanted a fair trial for Peter and at no time in any way have I been involved in a conspiracy to get him out."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Probation service bid on teenage tearaways

The probation service has bid to run a network of youth offender teams that will supervise new government orders designed to curb teenage tearways and make parents more responsible.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, has received a memo from senior probation officers asking that they lead the task of handling "extremeley problematical young people who break the law".

Youth crime is Mr Straw's main priority. He is to unveil proposals this week to force parents to impose curfews to stop their children roaming the streets at night, escort them to school to curb truancy and undergo up to three months of classes in parenting.

Girl, 4, alone

A girl of four was alone at home for two days with the body of her father, who was believed to have died of a heart attack. Police said Mary Gerrard thought that her father, Richard, was asleep. The girl was rescued when neighbours in Rochdale, near Manchester, became concerned.

Queen's role

The Scottish National Party will this week debate whether the Queen's role in an independent Scotland should be decided by a referendum. At its annual conference at Rothesay, on the island of Bute, the party will ask if the people should be allowed to choose the head of their newly independent country.

Spy partner freed

The girlfriend of David Shayler, the former MI5 officer, has been released on bail after being questioned about a breach of the Official Secrets Act. Anne Machon, 29, who left MI5 at the same time as Mr Shayler, was held by Charing Cross police for six hours on Saturday. Mr Shayler remains abroad.

Library bequest

An art collection belonging to an Oxford University academic, estimated to be worth over £60,000, is to be sold to benefit the Bodleian Library in gratitude for its assistance to him over 60 years. The bequest was made by the Rev Dr John Kelly, principal of St Edmund Hall for 28 years, who died in March.

Son faces eviction

Social security officials have told Dominic Gundry-White, 17, who lives alone in the family home in Bristol that they plan to evict him and sell the house to pay for the nursing home care of his father, John, 65, who has Alzheimer's disease. Dominic wants some of the sale proceeds to buy him a flat.

Dana campaign

The singer Dana is to extend her campaign for the Irish presidency to Britain and the United States this week. The former Eurovision Song Contest winner, 44, who is campaigning under her real name, Rosemary Scallon, is trailing in the presidential race, according to opinion polls.

Red tape savings

All mergers between NHS trusts will be expected to save at least £500,000 in red tape within two years of going ahead. Alan Milburn, the Health Minister, said. Savings would be retained locally for investment in frontline services. There are 16 merger proposals involving 30 trusts at present.

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Cabinet pay anger as Prescott seeks a deal

By Andrew Pierce

TRADE union leaders and left-wing Labour MPs reacted with fury yesterday to plans for Cabinet ministers to donate their £16,000 pay rises to charity next year to demonstrate restraint to public sector workers.

The proposal, which is being canvassed among ministers by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, was mooted last week by Downing Street officials yesterday even as the fiasco over whether ministers would accept their rise was unfolding. The decision not to take the extra money would save the Treasury £400,000 a year which, with inflation, would be close to £2 million by the next election. The memorial fund being set up in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, would be the most likely beneficiary if the money went to charity.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, accused ministers of engaging in public relation politics. "The Labour government is in one almighty mess over public sector pay," he said "If the argument is that the country's economy cannot afford big pay increases then to take them anyway, and give them to charity, knocks a big hole in the Chancellor's case.

John Prescott: looking for pay row solution

"We are in a worse position now than we were under the last administration. I support the right of ministers to take the pay rise and wait for the day that the Government will acknowledge that head teachers, doctors and nurses are also entitled to salaries which recognise the importance of their work. In the meantime they should worry less about public relations."

There was growing criticism behind the scenes of the way the issue was handled after the Treasury ordered a freeze on the public sector pay bill next year. The freeze will hit the salaries of doctors, nurses, teachers and thousands of public servants.

There were heated discussions at last week's Cabinet meeting because many ministers felt they had been bounced into the problem by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, a bachelor who lives in a subsidised house, who let it be known that he and his deputy Alistair Darling would not be taking the rise.

Government sources denied that there had been a disagreement. But Mr Prescott said yesterday that there was "an argument" in Cabinet on Thursday during a five-minute discussion. He then immediately corrected himself and described it as a "discussion".

"It certainly wasn't heated at all," he told the BBC1 *On the Record* programme. The charity proposal was being considered, he said.

Schools

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ment and earning power. Sally Power, a Bristol University researcher who is one of four academics leading the project, said: "The students who went to private schools have certainly done better than those at comprehensives or grammar schools. We are still analysing how much this is a matter of background as much as differences in schools."

An opinion poll published today by the Independent Schools Information Service shows the continuing popularity of the assisted places scheme. Although the Government has now legislated to phase out assisted places, MORI found that more than half of all Labour voters thought the scheme a good use of public money.

Lib Dem coalition split

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Russell also speaks against cosying up with Labour and claims that Tony Blair has yet to show his true colours, is arrogant in power and cannot deliver help for the poor within Tory spending limits.

"We have grown in 40 years from the Rutland of British politics to the Scotland of British politics and a stubborn bloody-minded sense of our own identity is part of our survival kit. We will not go into an electoral pact. We cannot deliver our voters, let alone our activists.

"We will not go into a coalition on the basis of Mr Blair's present policies even if our leaders recommend it," says Lord Russell.

Last night Lord Holme, the party's spokesman on Northern Ireland underlined the implications of adopting PR at Westminster. "Anyone who campaigns for PR but rules out coaltiion in any circumstances is suffering from a serious logic deficit."

Mr Ashdown's move to back closer links coincided with a decision by Tony Blair to send two of his top lieutenants, Frank Field and Alistair Darling, to Eastbourne to address fringe meetings.

Several Liberal Democrats are uneasy about messages about closer cooperation because they feel it muddies the party's aim of trying to secure as many seats at Westminster as possible.

At a press briefing both Alan Beith, the Deputy Leader and Nick Harvey, Campaigns Chairman, said that the party had to provide constructive opposition to Labour and in many areas had to put up an equal fight against both Labour and the Tories.

MPs are also concerned that Mr Ashdown's desire to shine at the joint Cabinet committee will overshadow what should have been a celebration of a record number of Liberal Democrat MPs.

Speakers this week will highlight the need for the Liberal Democrats to have a distinctive identity and oppose Labour over health and education spending.

Mr Ashdown insisted that he wanted to use this new opportunity in British politics to "break the destructive tribalism in Britain."

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How couple found hope for their son

Ian Murray on parents whose tragic misfortune was lightened by a revolutionary fertility treatment for sterilised boys

WHEN Ian von Memerty met his future wife, Vivienne, in Johannesburg ten years ago, they found that they had a great deal in common. They were both extroverts. She was a dancer and he was an all-round entertainer, playing the piano, singing, dancing, acting and writing revues.

But it was only after they married and when their first child, a girl called Valeska, was two years old that they discovered something else in common: they were carriers of a rare abnormal gene, which meant their children were at serious risk from an inherited metabolic disorder that would kill them.

Their misfortune has led to their son becoming the first to benefit from a revolutionary treatment that will help boys about to be sterilised during cancer treatment to retain their fertility. The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority has given its approval.

Mr von Memerty said that, when the couple noticed their daughter was a little hard of hearing, "we weren't worried, but took her to see a paediatrician to be sure. He just happened to be someone who knew about the rare condition she was suffering from.

"The chances of two people with the same genetic problem having children are less than one in a million." The trauma of finding that their genes had probably condemned their daughter to a painful and early death was worsened by the realisation that their unborn son might have the same condition.

Only one in four babies born to parents in these circumstances inherit the disease, but the danger made the couple consider an abortion. They decided against it because the only hope of saving Valeska was a bone marrow transplant, and under South African law only a sibling can be a donor. If their unborn child was healthy, he would be able to save their daughter's life.

"It was not to be," Mr von Memerty said. "Just before he was born, they told us that Oscar was probably ill with the disease and we knew as soon as we had him that he was just as bad a case as his sister.

"It was terrible. In three months we went through a diagnosis, a birth and then another diagnosis. We needed some very serious counselling."

The pain is still in his eyes but he can now talk about his children's condition almost dispassionately, spelling out the difficult words like a lecturer to students. "They are suffering from a form of mucopolysaccharidosis known as Maroteaux-Lamy syndrome," he said. "This means they cannot expel fatty acids from their cells throughout the body. The cells store the fatty acids and swell.

"The prognosis is death by the late teens or early twenties. The child becomes crippled, wheelchair bound, unable to comb the hair, wash, feed or look after itself. The hearing and sight are vastly impaired. Mentally, the child is absolutely fine. Inside that tormented body, the brain is working normally. The frustration is terrible while they wait to die."

The couple began a worldwide search for a hospital capable of providing bone marrow treatment. "I went hospital-shopping," Mr von Memerty said. "We narrowed it down to Minneapolis, Great Ormond Street and the Manchester Children's Hospital. We chose Manchester because they have a small unit with nurses who really specialise in this kind of care. They have a great success rate and we have every faith in them. What is more, it is only a third the price of the States and around half what it would have cost if we had stayed in London. In Manchester we can afford to have a house, whereas in London we would have been cramped in a tiny flat."

To raise the money needed for the treatment, the couple decided last December to use their showbusiness contacts, to publicise their case on television and to play on public sympathy. "You have to market tragedy. When you are faced with this sort of choice, dignity flies out the window."

In February Mr von Memerty flew to Manchester with blood and urine samples so that donors could be matched. By May they had raised a million rand (£145,000), enough to pay for the treatment and accommodation for a year. "There was never any question of asking for money from the state. South Africa is an emerging nation with enormous poverty."

At the end of July Valeska began her 40-day transplant treatment. The couple shared a 24-hour vigil by her bedside throughout. She was released two weeks ago and already her parents notice a change for the better.

When a South African television company told them about work being done in Nottingham on restoring fertility to children who had been sterilised by chemotherapy, they decided immediately to volunteer Oscar as a trial patient.

"If you are going to play God, then you have got to do it properly. This is a child who was doomed to be crippled and die but who I now hope will one day drive, dance, walk, run, maybe fall in love, marry and want to have children."

For Vivienne, their decision to take part in the experiment goes beyond their son. "After all that has been done for us, we feel obliged to do something which will help other children who will face this kind of problem. There is now hope for Oscar and that hope can be shared."

SIMON WALKER

Ian and Vivienne von Memerty yesterday with Oscar and, foreground, Valeska

THE DOCTOR

SIMON FISHEL, 44, is a reproductive biologist who has been involved in research about infertility for more than 20 years. A colleague of Robert Edwards and the late Patrick Steptoe, he was part of the team that produced Louise Brown, the first test-tube baby, in 1978 and was deputy scientific director at Bourn Hall, Cambridge, the world's first test-tube baby clinic.

In 1991 Mr Fishel set up an infertility clinic at Nottingham, intended to be a self-financing unit to make money for the university. His breakthrough research while there included successfully using immature sperm cells to produce the first baby to be born to an infertile father. His team have also been the first in Britain to inject a single sperm into a mother's egg.

In April he resigned from the unit and was told to leave immediately rather than work out his three months' notice. Sixteen members of his staff left with him to set up a private clinic.

In July the university issued a writ against him, seeking return of documents and information, plus damages for breach of contract. The university claimed that Mr Fishel was undertaking private work without permission. He has since served a writ for slander against a member of the unit's staff.

Whatever the outcome of the legal argument, his expertise in infertility treatment has made him an acknowledged world expert on the subject. He has published over 100 scientific papers on infertility and three books on in-vitro fertilisation. He organised the first world congress on immature sperm conception in Rome two years ago and he has published much of his work on the Internet.

Present holds key to future success

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

MEDICAL BRIEFING

IT IS easy to understand why any parent would wish to protect the reproductive capability of their child: the desire for procreation and perpetuation is very strong. In this respect the charm of the baby involved is irrelevant.

The important feature in this case is that there are about 500 children in Britain who are the subject of sterilising, but if there might be a way of preserving the sperm-producing capability a parent will want to seize it.

Simon Fishel, is now doing research on the preservation of the spermatogenetic cells of a child. He hopes to be able to salvage the appropriate cells before the child is irradiated so that 15-20 years later they may be taken out of the refrigerator and be reinjected back into the patient's previously infertile testis.

He claims evidence from rats and mice that his procedure will work. But there is as yet no evidence that it will succeed in humans. Any proof will only be available in 15-20 years' time when this generation of irradiated babies grows up and mates. In the meantime there will be a steady demand for Dr Fishel's expertise and storage facilities.

The problems will not only centre on the storage of the spermatogenetic tissue from the baby but whether the baby's testis, which was so damaged by the initial irradiation and would therefore have grown in a very different way, will in 20 years' time be capable of being restored to a state in which the formerly frozen spermatogenetic material will become established and produce viable sperm.

In the meantime any older people, whether post-pubertal or adult who are having irradiation, should store sperm.

The technique that can help boys bank on future

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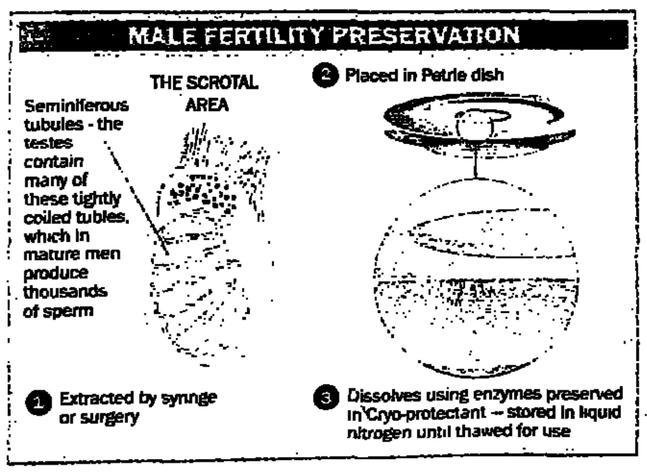

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THE OPERATION

STUDIES on sterilised mice have given researchers reason to believe that it is possible to restore fertility to children who have had their reproductive systems destroyed by chemotherapy.

Restoring fertility after chemotherapy is slightly easier for girls because they are born with all the eggs they will have. By removing ovarian tissue with its immature eggs and freezing it for storage until the woman is fit and old enough, it is possible to help her to have a child.

For boys, the problem is complicated by the fact that they do not produce sperm until puberty and they are not therefore capable of fertilising eggs. The studies with sterilised mice in America and Japan have given hope that this problem can be overcome.

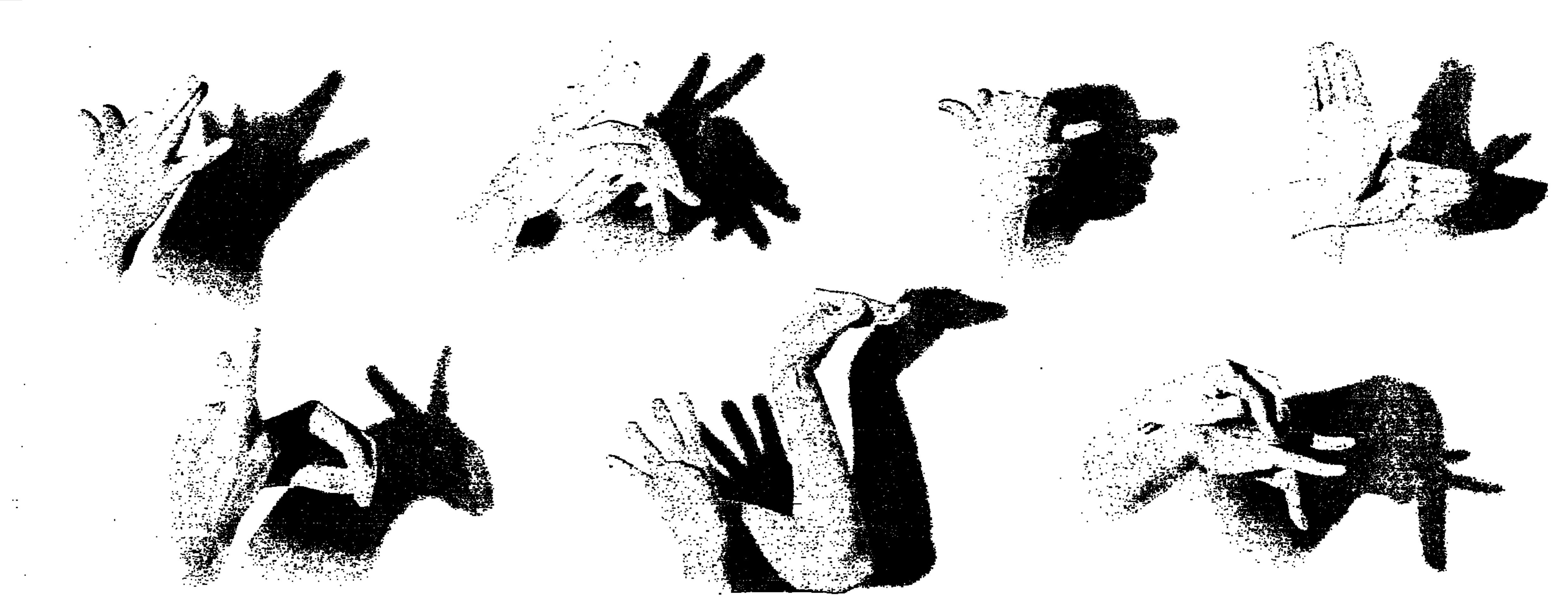
In these studies, the testicles of sterilised male mice have been injected with cells taken from the semeniferous tubules of an immature mouse. These tiny tubules are several miles long, coiled inside the testes and semen are produced in them. By injecting young but immature cells into the testes of the sterile mice, they have been "repopulated" and made once again capable of reproduction.

It is this technique that the Nottingham clinic will follow with Oscar von Memerty. Under anaesthetic, the cells will probably be sucked up using a wide hypodermic needle, or they may be taken out by making a tiny incision. The cells will then be put into a Petrie dish, dissolved in enzymes and held in suspension with a kind of anti-freeze called cryo-protectant. They will be stored in a container of liquid nitrogen until they are needed when they can be thawed out and reinjected.

Simon Fishel, thereproductive biologist who has evolved the technique, freely admits that success is not certain, even though it appears to work perfectly with mice. The tubules may atrophy over the 15 years before Oscar is ready for them to be reinjected. "There are probably problems out there that we haven't even thought of yet, but medical science moves fast and who knows what will happen over the next 20 years," Mr Fishel said.

"All we do know is that if we do nothing, Oscar will have no chance. This way there is certainly hope and we can start finding things out on behalf of all the children who are made sterile in this way. If we do nothing, nothing will happen."

A total of 1,130 children under the age of 15 are diagnosed with cancer every year. About 70 per cent of them survive and lead normal lives after treatment, although most are sterile.



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Nelson's last orders were for more port

A receipt reveals admiral spent half his pay on drink before Trafalgar, writes **Philip Delves Broughton**

NELSON'S reputation for modesty and sobriety may be at risk after the discovery that six weeks before the Battle of Trafalgar he spent more than half his annual salary on port.

A receipt and letter, both addressed to the Rt Hon Lord Nelson, were found recently by a Norfolk antique dealer and confirm the admiral's order of three pipes — 375 gallons — of top quality port costing £308 and two shillings.

A Bank of England spokesman said the equivalent amount at today's prices was £8,571.

The receipt shows the wine was delivered on September 7, 1805, to Nelson's estate at Merton Place in Surrey where he lived with his mistress, Lady Hamilton. Unfortunately he never enjoyed the port as 45 days later, on October 21, he died in Hardy's arms having been shot as he stood on the deck of *HMS Victory* at Trafalgar.

The handwritten order of September 2 from wine merchant James Lavell of St Martin's Lane, London, says each pipe of port is priced at £102 with packing £2 extra.

It states: "James Lavell has sent in a bill of purchase of the three pipes of port by desires of my Lord at the very lowest price and will let them be as good as that or superior to any witch [sic] your lordship would pay £115 for, and shall take care that the gentlemen shall be perfectly satisfied."

It adds: "I will send your lordship an account of when they are all bottled and carefully done witch I will be careful to do.

"In the very best manner by your lordship's faithful and very much obliged servant with humble thanks and greatest respect, James Lavell."

Andrew Bullock, head of the books and collectors department at GA Key auctioneers in Aylsham, Norfolk, who are auctioning the papers on Friday, said: "This is a huge amount of port bought at considerable cost by Nelson.

"At the time he must have known there was a strong likelihood that he was going to be fighting the French at sea. It appears he must have been planning a monumental party to mark his victory.

"It is just a shame that he was not able to be there himself."

There are several curiosities in this order. Firstly, Nelson is unlikely to have taken the port with him to sea as all of his food and drinking needs were taken care of by the Admiralty.

Secondly, port was never really his drink. He preferred the sweet Italian Marsala wine. No jaunt through the Mediterranean for him was complete without a stop in Marsala to load up with supplies.

Thirdly, he was a reasonably frugal man and unlikely to spend with such extravagance. Unlike many other sailors, he was not a notable drinker, though there are a few recorded moments when his manservant, Tom Allen, had to help a groggy Nelson to bed.

These inconsistencies lead Les Winter, a founder member of the Nelson Society, to detect the hand of Lady Hamilton in the port purchase.

"She was a notorious entertainer and loved giving parties. Her late husband Sir William used to complain that there were never less than 14 people to dinner every night," he said.

It was fortunate for the admiral that he lived in a pre-credit card era.

"Nelson used to moan about her extravagance, but went along with anything she wanted.

"Lady Hamilton was born a blacksmith's daughter and when she married into high society it went to her head. She nearly broke her husband financially and there was no doubt that she would have done the same to Nelson if he had lived.

"Forking out half his annual salary on port was a huge expense, particularly as he still had to pay for the running of his estate and alimony for his wife who he separated from in 1801.

"It is possible that Lady Hamilton might have bought it in his name and he might not have known anything about it until he got the bill."

After Nelson's death, Lady Hamilton continued spending extravagantly and eventually bankrupted herself. She was forced to pawn all her possessions, including her wedding ring. She died in France in 1817, a pauper.

Nelson: ordered 375 gallons of port

Barbara Mayo was found strangled 27 years ago. She had been raped

DNA clues may solve 1970 killing

By Russell Jenkins

DETECTIVES are today expected to disclose the discovery of a DNA clue which they hope will lead them to the killer of Barbara Mayo, a 24-year-old teacher found battered, raped and strangled near the M1 27 years ago.

Derbyshire Constabularly is confident that the net may be closing on a double killer who they believe picked up women travelling alone on motorways and sexually assaulted them before killing them. The death of Miss Mayo was officially linked by police to the murder, seven months earlier, in March 1970, of another lone hiker. Jacki Ansell-Lamb, 18, a secretary from London who lived in Manchester, was found half-naked and face down on frozen farm land in Mere, Cheshire, close to the M6.

Detectives hope that modern techniques not open to the original murder squad may provide the breakthrough. It is believed that the Derbyshire force has come up with the DNA "fingerprint" of the killer from a stain on clothing found close to the dead teacher. DNA can be recovered from blood, semen or saliva.

Police have opened an incident room at Chesterfield police station. Don Dovaston, Assistant Chief Constable (Operations), will today issue a renewed public appeal for information at a press conference. Mr Dovaston said: "This investigation has never closed since Barbara's body was found in Derbyshire in the autumn of 1970. We will be releasing important new information which may help us to bring the killer to justice."

He has been involved in Operation Enigma, a national research project set up last year to discover links between solved and unsolved murders of women going back a decade.

The Derbyshire force has been at the forefront of DNA profiling. It has been running its own research project bring modern policing techniques to bear on the murders of women and children going back 30 to 40 years. One of the techniques open to modern detective is to test DNA samples from clothing or body tissue and match it against samples locked inside a national DNA database.

Miss Mayo's body was found by picnickers in Ault Hucknall Wood, one and a half miles from junction 29 of the M1, on October 18, 1970. She had set off from London six days earlier to hitch-hike to Catterick.

At the time the murder hunt represented the most extensive undertaken by a British force.

A 26 strong serious crime bureau, with an annual budget of £1.7 million, is being set up to examine a unsolved murders including gay killings and serious sex attacks.

Husband in murder inquiry dies

By Tim Jones

A FORMER policeman collapsed and died days after being questioned again over the disappearance of his former wife 26 years ago.

Detectives had hoped that DNA detection procedures, which were unknown at the time she vanished, would help to determine whether Michael Johnson, 52, had been responsible for murdering her.

Mr Johnson, who was detained by detectives last Tuesday morning at his home in Eastleigh, Hampshire, suffered a heart attack and died on Saturday. His first wife, Caroline, a cook and dietitian, was 25 when she vanished in 1971 from their home in Chandler's Ford, Hampshire.

Mr Johnson, who had been interviewed several times by police, always claimed he last saw his wife when she stormed out of their home after an argument, leaving him to look after their two daughers, Sarah and Frances, then aged four and six.

Two years after she vanished police searched the family home and dug up the garden but found no evidence to connect him with any crime.

Last week, forensic scientists arrived at the new home Mr Johnson shared with his second wife, Angela. They used high-technology equipment to examine his garden and took numerous items from his home.

When his wife, described as 5ft tall, brown eyed and plump and with a ruddy complexion disappeared, Mr Johnson said: "I didn't murder her but unless she turns up dead or alive how can I prove my innocence?" He added: "She liked men and liked to be noticed. She couldn't stand the restrictions of married life."

Mr Johnson, who resigned from the force in 1974, collapsed while working on his boat at Kemp's Quay, Bitterne, Southampton.

Last night Robert Pender, the husband of the missing woman's sister, said from his home in Melbourne: "Now Michael has died it will almost certainly remain a mystery for ever."

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Hague's grassroots plan backfires

Only a quarter of members have voted in the ballot for party reform. The result will hardly be a ringing endorsement, writes **Andrew Pierce**

WILLIAM HAGUE'S unprecedented attempt to secure the endorsement of grassroots members of the Conservative Party has backfired. Only a quarter are believed to have voted in the ballot that was supposed to crown him the undisputed leader at next month's party conference.

About 400,000 ballot papers have been sent out by Central Office, but the absence of a centralised membership list, and the disarray caused by May's election landslide, has meant that many forms never reached their intended destinations. Others went to people who died years ago.

"I will be amazed if we get more than 100,000 papers back," said one Tory strategist last night. "But at least we have begun the process of internal party democracy."

Mr Hague's criticism of the Welsh referendum result last week could return to haunt him. He said that the size of the vote, which could be even less convincing than his own endorsement in the leadership ballot, was "not a proper mandate" for a Welsh assembly.

It emerged that Mr Hague is facing increasing opposition from MPs to his plans to give the mass membership a say in future leadership contests. A preferred option in the "green paper" for party reform, which will be unveiled at the conference in Blackpool next month, gives MPs the right to run American-style primary contests in the privacy of the Palace of Westminster.

William Hague: under fire from the old guard

Criticism of Mr Hague's attempts to reform the party burst into the open in a letter to *The Times* on Saturday from Alan Clark, the former minister. Mr Clark criticised Mr Hague's decision to ask one question on the ballot paper — linking the endorsement of his leadership with the acceptance of six principles for reform of the party. Mr Clark believed they should be separate questions.

The speculation over Mr Hague's leadership continued at the weekend when it was confirmed that Michael Portillo would speak at the conference. Chris Patten will speak the eve of Mr Hague's keynote address to the conference. One Tory MP said: "The big cats are circling."

Having endured his worst week since becoming leader, there was support today for Mr Hague from Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, and Michael Trend, the party's deputy chairman, in letters to *The Times*.

Mr Trend delivered a sharp rebuff to Mr Clark. He wrote: "The order of the day is: change or oblivion. William Hague has a clear and consistent vision for change. The party must grasp it and work through the details, or face the inevitable consequences."

An unrepentant Mr Hague will resume his nationwide tour today with a visit to East Anglia. He will deliver three speeches to party activists to try to summon support for the ballot, which closes on Wednesday.

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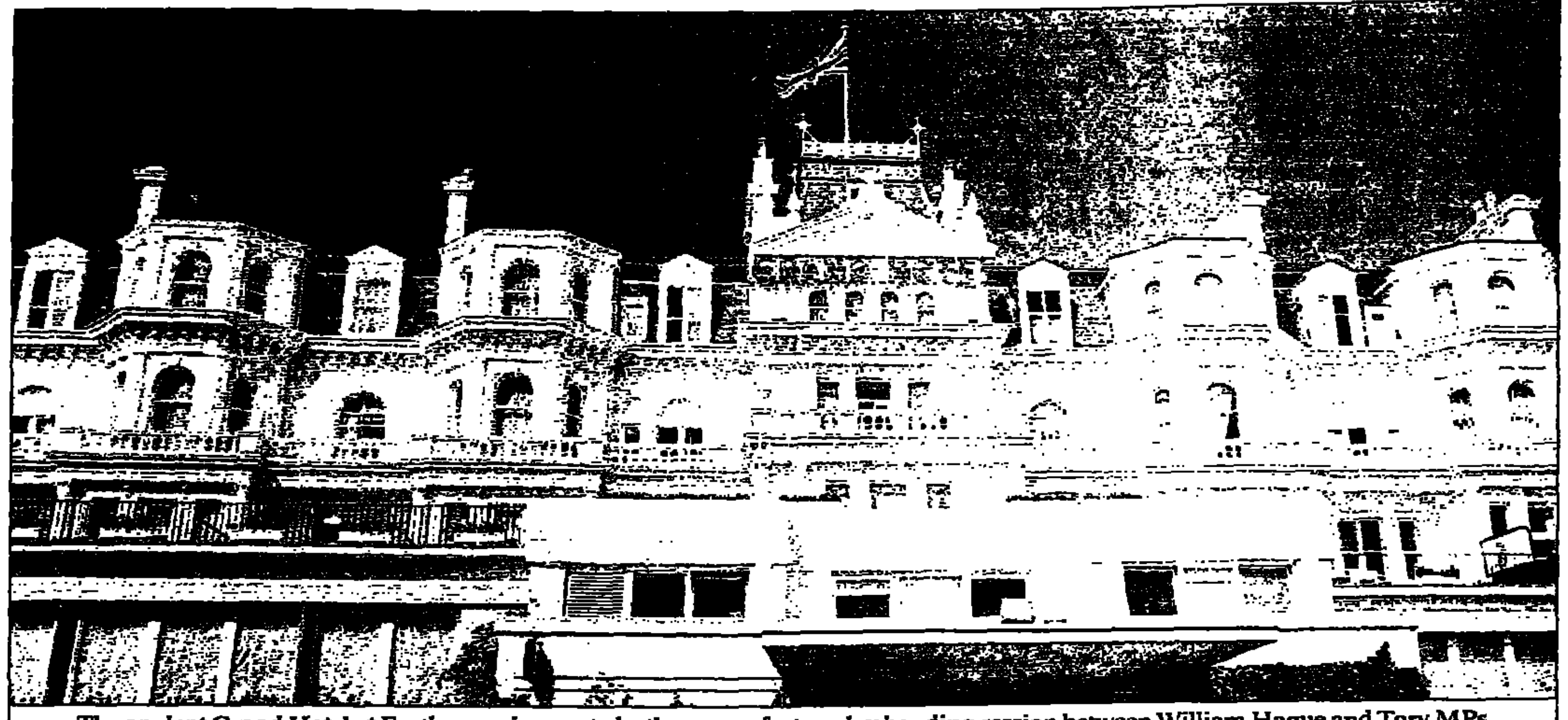
The opulent Grand Hotel at Eastbourne is soon to be the scene of a two-day bonding session between William Hague and Tory MPs

Tories head for a seaside 'love-in'

By Nicholas Wood

A LUXURY five-star hotel in Eastbourne — the Sussex resort dubbed the retirement home of southern England — has been chosen by William Hague as the venue for his two-day "bonding session" with Tory MPs.

Mr Hague and his colleagues will attempt to rebuild party unity next month amid the marbled splendour of the Grand, a handsome Victorian pile on the promenade.

The opulent hotel, where a suite costs £270 a night and a single room up to £130, has 164 rooms — one fewer than the depleted ranks of the notoriously fractious parliamentary Conservative Party.

But it seems unlikely that Kenneth Clarke will be asked to double up with Teresa Gorman. The presence of husband and wife teams such as the Bottomleys and the Wintertons should ensure that no one needs to share a room. As Mr Hague admitted this week, Tory MPs, notorious for their mutual loathing, are "terrified" at the prospect of being required to play US-style executive games or — even worse — hug one another.

But in a speech to party workers on Thursday night in Stockton-on-Tees, the Tory leader insisted that he would not tolerate the backbiting and feuding that marred John Major's premiership.

"I am determined that our parliamentary party is going to feel like, and behave like, a united political team … They are going to get into the habit of behaving like a united political team. They are jolly well going to have to be a united political team."

But Mr Hague's choice of the Grand should ensure that his political love-in does not prove too arduous. The hotel scores 75 per cent in the Egon Ronay rankings, placing it only one notch down from establishments such as Claridge's and the Ritz. MPs seeking to unwind after a strenuous day's work pretending to be lost in the desert will be able to escape to the hotel's leisure club, which includes a pool, sauna, steam room and solarium. A Jacuzzi is on hand for those who want to take their bonding sessions a step further.

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Alternatively, MPs can sample the delights of Eastbourne — best known for the fact that one in three of the inhabitants is a pensioner.

They have received a letter from Mr Hague telling them to report to Eastbourne on October 21-22.

Attendance is clearly intended to be compulsory. Would-be refuseniks have been told that they will have to make their excuses to the Chief Whip.

Beachy Head is among the local tourist attractions — which might prove a comfort to any MP who concludes that he was right to hate his colleagues after all.

HOW ROLE-PLAYING GAMES CAN RAISE MORALE

COMPANIES that design team-building breaks recommend that William Hague organise role-playing games and creative projects to force demoralised and insular MPs to work together.

Peter Maxwell, course director of the Leadership Trust, which has designed breaks for Barclays Bank and C&A, said the situation faced by the Tories was very similar to that of many of his clients.

"You have a company that has recently seen some serious downsizing at a senior level, and the staff are badly demoralised," he said. "There is a new chief executive who has yet to win everybody's trust and respect, and there is bad blood between many of the managers."

Mr Maxwell said: "I would set up small team projects, where different people would have different roles but work towards the same goal."

Ministry accused of cover-up over Gulf vaccines

By Michael Evans
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Ministry of Defence is being accused of a cover-up to protect a senior civil servant over the failure to alert ministers to the dangers of giving Gulf War troops multiple vaccines.

The mixture of drugs has been blamed by thousands of veterans as the most likely cause of their illnesses, which they call Gulf War syndrome. An internal investigation by the MoD into why a Department of Health memo warning of the dangers was not discovered by ministers until May this year has failed to fix any blame. Next month MPs will be told that no disciplinary action is to be taken against any individuals.

Tory ministers approved the multiple vaccine programme to protect troops from anthrax, bubonic plague and other biological warfare germs. They were also given pertussis, or whooping cough, vaccine.

The Department of Health, however, had sent a memo to the MoD in 1990, warning that research had shown that mice given anthrax and whooping cough vaccines had suffered "serious loss of condition and weight". The memo was seen by officials, but not by ministers.

Although suspicions finally focused on one senior civil servant, MoD sources said yesterday that no action was being taken against individuals and the matter was closed. Tony Flint, of the National Gulf Veterans and Families Association, said: "I think the MoD is covering up. They either can't find someone to blame, or they don't want to because the official is a senior civil servant."

MoD sources said they could not establish precisely what happened after they received the warning. "This event occurred at a time of great crisis and fog of war," said one.

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Crash inquiry may be delayed until next year

By Arthur Leathley, Transport Correspondent

Clive Brain, who died in first-class carriage

A PUBLIC inquiry into the train crash that killed six people on Friday could be delayed until next year while safety and police investigations are completed. But John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, has asked to be told immediately if investigations reveal any failings that need to be rectified ahead of a formal report or public inquiry.

Six passengers remained seriously ill in hospital last night. Cranes yesterday removed wrecked carriages from the scene of the accident at Southall, west London, and the operation to repair the badly damaged lines continued round-the-clock.

The crash happened when the InterCity service from Swansea to London crashed into an empty freight train that was crossing its path on its way into railway sidings. The InterCity driver, who comes from London, was questioned within hours of the accident and released on police bail.

Mr Prescott said that any urgent problems uncovered by the investigations would be tackled immediately. Police and the Health and Safety Executive spent the weekend examining computer records of trackside signals. Officials at Railtrack, the track and signalling company which is conducting its own inquiry, said that initial investigations had ruled out track damage as a cause of the accident. It had also been established that the freight train involved in the crash had been correctly guided across the high-speed line.

Trackside signalling information relayed to the driver of the passenger train will be crucial in determining whether equipment fault or driver error was the main cause of the accident.

The Health and Safety Executive will this week give details of the scope of the public inquiry. It has begun an initial investigation, but the public inquiry could be delayed until well into next year if police press manslaughter charges against the driver of the passenger train.

A spokesman for the Health and Safety Executive said that the public inquiry "would not prejudice any prosecution action". Manslaughter charges against a driver of a train that crashed last year at Watford Junction will not be heard until next year.

Safety investigators will also seek evidence from passengers about the number of people on the 10.32am train. Train companies operating commuter routes in southeast England are subject to heavy fines if they exceed limits on the percentage of passengers who have to stand but the rules do not apply to InterCity services.

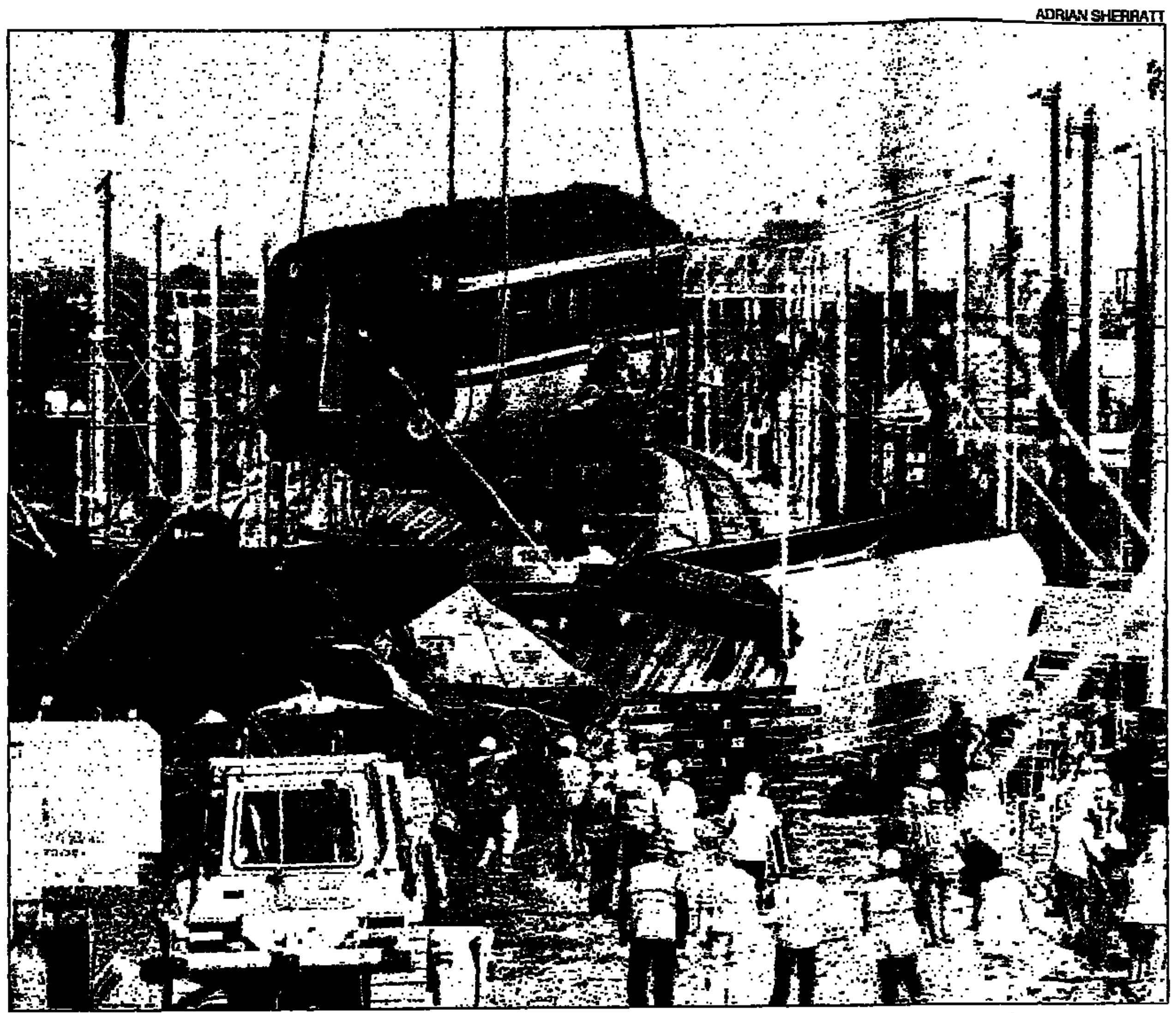
Survivors of Friday's crash, in which 170 were injured, reported packed carriages with large numbers of people standing although Great Western said that the train was not filled to capacity.

The wife of one of those killed said yesterday that her husband rarely travelled first-class, the section that bore the brunt of the impact. Clive Brain, 57, was principal of Swindon College, Wiltshire. His wife, Gill, a college principal in Salisbury, said: "For a long time we would laugh about business people going first-class and how we were saving the college money by going second-class. But recently he had found it difficult to work in second-class."

The five other passengers killed were: Peter Kavanagh, 30, a lawyer from Laindon, Essex; Anthony Petch, 52, a company director from Thornbury, near Bristol; Marcus Olander, 60, a radio journalist from Sweden; Gerard Traynor, 38, a leisure and tourism officer from Boldon; David Eustace, 53, a former army officer from Deal, Kent.

A consultant surgeon badly injured in the crash may not lose the sight of his right eye, as was first feared. Michael Hellier, 55, was in the first-class carriage. Mark Purcell, a spokesman for Ealing Hospital, said: "We can't say 100 per cent but his sight has been been better in the past 24 hours."

ADRIAN SHERRATT



Cranes were brought in to move carriages yesterday as part of the round-the-clock operation to clear the line

HOW CRASH AFFECTS YOUR JOURNEY

No Great Western or Thames Trains services will operate from Paddington today. Passengers using the two services — to the West Country, South Wales and the Midlands — should travel to Reading from Waterloo before changing to their normal trains. Passengers who normally travel into Paddington on the two services are advised to change at Reading and continue their journey to Waterloo. South West Trains, operating out of Waterloo, will provide extra services to cope with the increase in demand. Paddington services are expected to return almost to normal tomorrow.

ITV chief gives hint on News at Ten move

By Raymond Snoddy
Media Editor

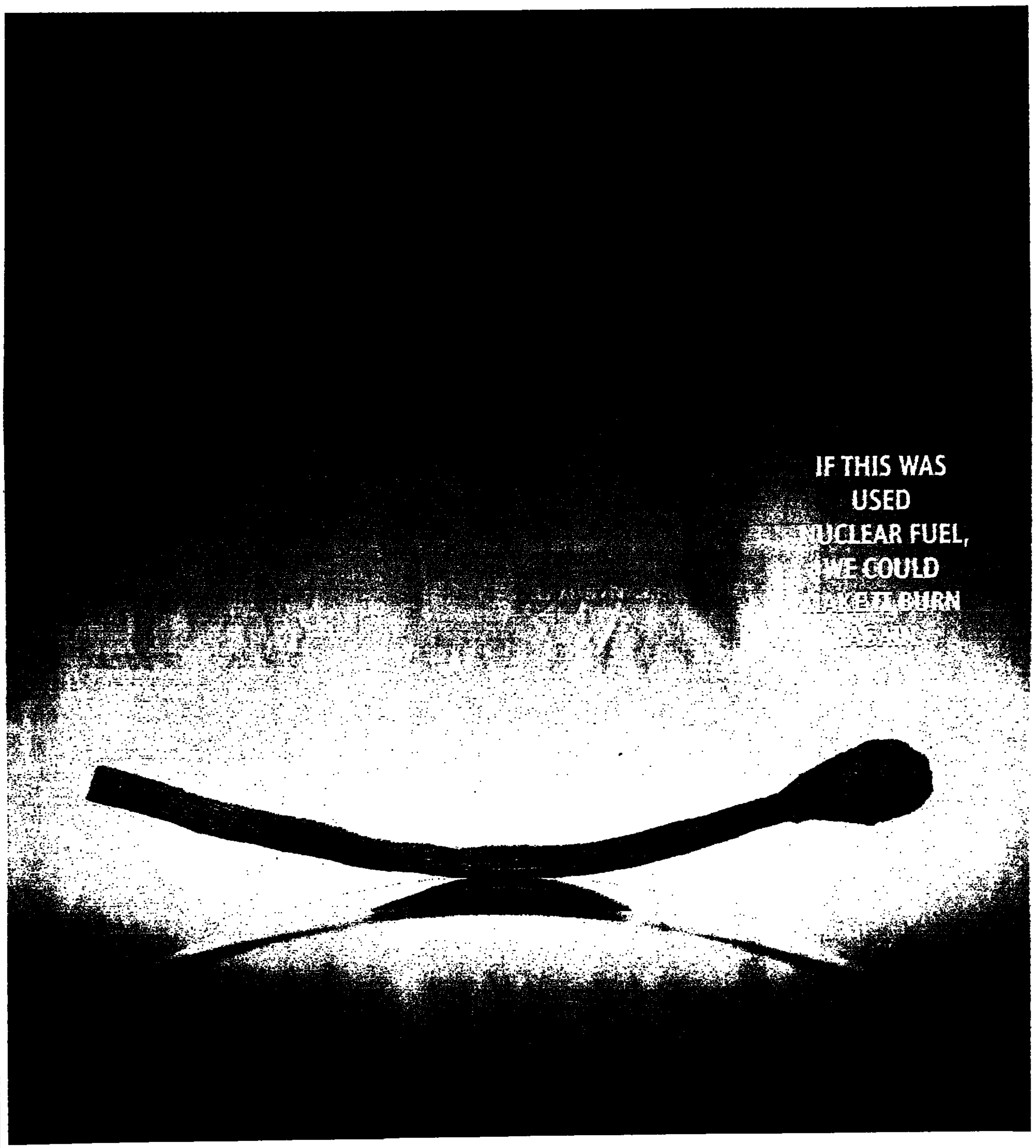
THE new heads of ITV and Channel 4 yesterday promised radical changes for viewers.

David Liddiment, who took over as director of the ITV network last Monday, told the *Royal Television Society's* biennial convention in Cambridge that he had to be sure that "every part of the ITV schedule is as commercial as everything else".

This is regarded as code for the growing belief in ITV that *News at Ten* should be moved. Because of the 9pm watershed for more adult viewing, *News at Ten* interrupts many films and dramas.

Mr Liddiment also hinted that he may ask ITV companies for more money to reverse a loss of viewing share to the BBC, cable and satellite.

Michael Jackson, the recently appointed successor to Michael Grade as chief executive of Channel 4, promised "more drama, more *Film on Four*, a decrease in the number of acquisitions and more programmes of ambition".



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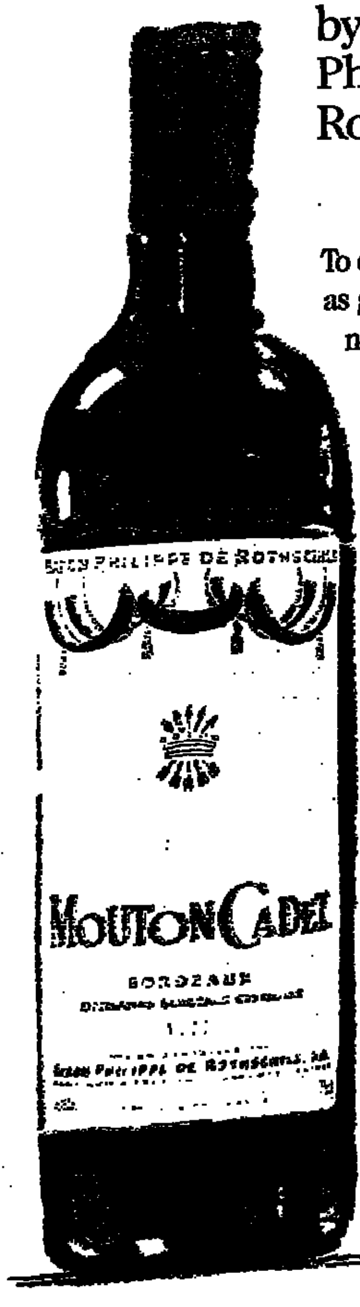

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Georges Bizet and Jean Sibelius: compositions topped the Radio 2 favourites

Football theme leaps up chart of favourite classics

A Radio 2 list shows how tastes can be swayed by events, writes Carol Midgley

CLASSIC tunes popularised by football, weddings and the tastes of Diana, Princess of Wales have arrived among the upper reaches of Radio 2 listeners' classical favourites. However, staff on *Your Hundred Best Tunes*, which is hosted by Alan Keith, at 89 the oldest network broadcaster in Britain, say their listeners are unlikely to be influenced by the rise of compilation CDs, and the use of classical music for sport and commercials.

The Ode To Joy, from Beethoven's Choral Symphony, has entered the top ten at number five, in the third poll of listeners to the Sunday night show *Your Hundred Best Tunes*, which has been running for 38 years. The piece was used last year as the television theme tune for the Euro 96 football championship. Handel's *Water Music*, often played at weddings these days, was the third most popular tune. In 1993, when the last poll was conducted, it was number 90.

Holst's suite, *The Planets*, had its highest-ever entry at number nine. The hymn *I Vow To Thee My Country*, which is set to the music of *Jupiter*, was a favourite of Diana, Princess of Wales and was sung at her funeral as well as her wedding.

However, this year's poll was again topped by the tune that was also the listeners' favourite in 1993 and 1984 — the duet for tenor and baritone *Aux Fonds du Temple Saint (In the Depths of the Temple)*, from Bizet's opera *The Pearl Fishers*.

Maura Clarke, the programme's producer, said: "The listeners are very committed, very traditional and really know their stuff about classical music. They are extremely knowledgeable about music, and many were introduced to the programme via their families when they were young.

"To be honest, I think a lot of them might think a compilation CD was a bit vulgar. We get stacks of letters every week and you do get the impression the audience are of a generation we will never have again. Having said that, we get letters from people as young as 25 sending in their top 100 tunes."

The programme is playing items from the list in groups of ten each week, culminating on October 26 with the top ten.

Ms Clarke added: "The list is very much what we would expect, although Alan was a bit surprised by the inclusion of the little parlour song Eleanore (by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor) which came in at number 61."

Mr Keith does not underestimate his audience. "I don't play down to my listeners," he has said. "I'm not afraid to use a three-syllable world. I will introduce pieces that don't normally come into the realm of popular classics."

His fans are among the BBC's most loyal listeners. One wrote to say: "Winston Churchill said when he got to Heaven he would spend the first million years painting. I'd like to spend the first million years listening to *Your Hundred Best Tunes*."

The 1997 poll. Your Hundred Best Tunes

1 **In the Depths of the Temple, duet from Bizet's The Pearl Fishers**
2 **Finlandia, Sibelius**
3 **Handel's Water Music**
4 **Rusalka's Song to the Moon, from Rusalka, Dvorak**
5 **Ode to Joy, from Beethoven's Symphony No 9 (the Choral)**
6 **Adagio, from Elgar's Cello Concerto**
7 **The Nuns' Chorus from Casanova, J Strauss II**
8 **Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 In C minor**
9 **The Planets, Holst**
10 **I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from Handel's Messiah**
11 Old Comrades March, Teike
12 Adagio from Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1in G minor
13 Panis Angelicus, Cesar Franck
14 Adagio for Strings, Samuel Barber
15 Love duet from Madam Butterfly, Puccini
16 Nimrod from Elgar's Enigma Variations
17 Handel's Largo (Ombra Mai Fu), from Serse
18 Bailero from Canteloube's Songs of The Auvergne
19 Rondo from Mozart's Horn Concerto No 4
20 Sanctus from Schubert's German Mass
21 Walton's Coronation March, Crown Imperial
22 The Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from Verdi's Nabucco
23 Intermezzo from Mascagni's Cavelleria Rusticana
24 Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5in E flat (the Emperor)
25 Andante from Mozart's Piano Concerto No 21 in C (K467)
26 Grand March from Verdi's Aida
27 Beethoven's Symphony No 6 (the Pastoral) final movement
28 Ave Verum corpus, Mozart
29 Romance from the Gadfly, Shostakovich
30 What is Life? from Gluck's Orfeo ed Euridice
31 Pomp and Circumstance March No 1. Elgar
32 Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah
33 Mozart's Clarinet Concerto (K622)
34 The Holy City, Stephen Adams
35 The Watermill, Ronald Binge
36 Largo from Dvorak's Syphony No 9 (From the New World),
37 The Creed, Grechaninov
38 The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba from Handel's Solomon
39 Meditation from Massenet's Thais
40 Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto
41 Creation's Hymn, Beethoven
42 Listen to the Mockingbird, Alice Hawthorne
43 Ave Maria, Schubert
44 Hungarian Dance No 6 in D, Brahms
45 The Bridal Chorus from Wagner's Lohengrin
46 All in the April Evening, Robertson
47 Grieg's Peer Gynt
48 How Lovely is thy Dwelling Place from Brahm's German Requiem
49 Mon Coeur S'ouvre a ta Voix from Samson Et Dalila, Saint-Saens
50 Mozart's Flute and Harp Concerto (K299)
51 Nessun Dorma, from Puccini's Turandot
52 Pachelbel's Canon in D
53 The Easter Hymn from Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana
54 March from Sibelius's Karelia suite
55 An die Musik, Schubert
56 Overture, Rossini's William Tell
57 Gloire Immortelle (The Soldiers' Chorus). Gounod
58 Jerusalem, Parry
59 Londonderry Air, trad
60 Overture, Rossini's The Thieving Magpie
61 Eleanore, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
62 Il mio Tesoro intanto from Mozart's Don Giovanni
63 Vesti la Giubba from Leoncavallo's Pagliacci
64 In a Monastery Garden, Ketelbey
65 None but the Lonely Heart, Tchaikovsky
66 Largo Al Factotum from Rossini's The Barber of Seville
67 Vilja from Lehar's Merry Widow
68 Zadok the Priest, Handel
69 Barcarolle from the Tales of Hoffmann. Offenbach
70 Lucia's Mad Scene from Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor
71 The Humming Chorus from Puccini's Madame Butterfly
72 Intermezzo from Lalo's Cello Concerto
73 A Te, O Cara from Bellini's I Puritani
74 Romance from Chopin's Piano Concerto No 1 in E Minor.
75 Wine , Women and Song Waltz. Johann Strauss II
76 Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No 3 in D major.
77 The Heavens are Telling from Haydn's The Creation
78 When I am Laid in Earth from Purcell's Dido and Aeneas
79 Don't Be Cross from the Master Miner, Zeller
80 Standchen, Schubert
81 Love Duet from Puccini's Tosca
82 Leanin, Sterndale Bennett
83 Gebet, Schubert
84 Variations on a theme by Haydn, Brahms
85 Jesu, Joy of Mans' Desiring from Bach's Cantana No 147
86 Ballet Music from Gounod's Faust
87 Reinecke's Harp Concerto
88 Overture from Handel's Bernice
89 Che Gelida Manina from Puccini's La Boheme
90 Saint-Saens's Violin Concerto No 3 in B minor
91 Intermezzo, from Puccini's Manon Lescaut
92 Trumpet Voluntray, Jeremiah Clarke
93 Bach's Cantata No 140 (Wachet auf)
94 Agnus Dei from Mozart's Coronation Mass
95 Andante from Eichner's Harp Concerto in C
96 Wedding Cake. Saint-Saens
97 Toccata from The Gothic Suite, Boellmann
98 Cavatina, Joachim Raff
99 Serenade, Hofstetter
100 Bellini's Oboe Concerto in E Flat Major

1993 Poll

1 In the Depths of the Temple duet from Bizet's the Pearl Fishers
2 Adago from Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1
3 The Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves, Verdi's Nabucco
4 Nimrod from Elgar's Enigma Variations
5 Beethoven's Symphony No. 6. (the Pastoral), final movement
6 Finlandia, Sibelius
7 Andante from Mozart's Piano Concerto No 21, (K467)
8 Intermezzo from Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana
9 Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor
10 Hallelujah Chorus, Handel's Messiah

1984 Poll

1 In the Depths of the Temple, Bizet
2 The Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves, Verdi
3 Allegri's Miserere
4 Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1.
5 Pachelbel's Canon in D
6 Beethoven's Symphony No 6. (the Pastoral)
7 Andante, Mozart's Piano Concerto No 21 (K467)
8 What is Life? from Gluck's Orfeo ed Euridice
9 The Holy City, Stephen Adams
10 Nimrod, from Elgar's Enigma Variations

Dolly takes a step down family way

By Andrew Pierce

SCIENTISTS who created Dolly the sheep, the world's first animal cloned from an adult cell, are hoping to mate it with a ram of the same breed.

Dolly is undergoing fertility tests at the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh and and the search has begun for a suitable mate. The institute, the main British centre for research on farm animal genetics, is confident that Dolly will be able to have a natural birth.

Professor Graham Bulfield, director and chief executive of the institute, said that staff were seeking a mate from the same Finn Dorset breed. "It took eight to ten years to get to the Dolly stage," he said. "We had 3,000 calls from all around the world in the first two days of Dolly entering the stage. I am sure the next stage will be an equal success."

The institute's hopes of a productive union have been boosted by the birth earlier this year of lambs to Megan and Moran sheep that were cloned a year before Dolly from embryo cells.

But before Dolly can be subjected to the rigours of mating and parenthood it faces an austere dietary regime. Its weight has ballooned to about 45 kg because so many visitors bring gifts, particularly photographers.

Professor Bulfield said that Dolly thrived on media attention. "Dolly loves fuss and attention, and performs for the cameras. She enjoys her star status."

The result is a temporary banishment by day to a nearby hillside far from public view. However, by night Dolly is back in a secure pen because of the threat of roving dogs to the world's most valuable sheep.

Geneticists at the institute have a further problem: Dolly's age. The sheep was born 14 months ago but the mammary tissue used to clone it was from a six-year-old ewe. "Is Dolly seven or is she 14 months?" the Professor said. The fertility tests could help to answer the question.

The institute has yet to decide whether to let Dolly and its mate breed in the conventional way or whether to use artificial insemination.

Dolly: scientists are seeking suitable mate

Scientists discover contraceptive worm

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

A TAPE worm that lives in fish may offer the key to an effective male contraceptive pill for humans.

Scientists studying *Ligula intestinalis*, which spends part of its life in fish such as roach, have found that it has an impact on the reproductive system. Professor Chris Arme of Keele University said yesterday: "It's a tape worm contraceptive."

The worm can have similar effects on toads. Professor Arme, based at the university's centre for applied entomology and parasitology, said that the hormone systems of fish through to mammals operate similarly. "So if we can pinpoint the substance in the worm . . . the significance of a novel method for controlling reproduction in higher vertebrates, including humans, is clear."

Researchers are now hoping to isolate the contraceptive substance.

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Health experts order inquiry into MDF risk

Critics claim that popular building material could be the asbestos of the Nineties, reports **Lin Jenkins**

AN INQUIRY has been launched into the possible health hazards of medium-density fibreboard, after claims that it could be the "asbestos of the Nineties".

The popularity of the wood substitute has grown quickly since its introduction in Britain in 1980, but critics believe that it may carry a cancer risk because of the fine dust that it produces and the formaldehyde used in its production.

The two-year study, funded by the Health and Safety Executive, will be conducted by Andrew Watterson, director of the Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health at De Montfort University, Leicester. He said: "I believe we have significantly underestimated the potential risk of MDF in Britain.

"There is evidence that formaldehyde-exposed workers have high rates of lung cancer and nose and throat cancer. The simple fact is that we do not know what the long-term effects of MDF are. My advice is that if safer alternatives are available, then you should use them where possible." MDF is made from wood dust and scrap, bonded together by a resin containing formaldehyde. Last year more than 600,000 cubic metres was sold in Britain and it is expected that nearly a million cubic metres a year will be sold by the end of the decade.

The particles released when it is cut or sanded are smaller than those of wood, and can be inhaled deep into the lungs. They are too small to be caught in most dust masks or collected by vacuum cleaners. Formaldehyde is considered by the World Health Organisation's International Agency for Research on Cancer to be "probably carcinogenic to humans".

Carpenters and builders have already expressed concern. At the TUC conference earlier this month, the entertainment union Bectu, whose members use the material for film and theatre sets, called for tighter safety procedures.

Roy Lockett, deputy general secretary of Bectu, said: "MDF is the asbestos of the Nineties. It is carcinogenic, it causes lesions, it damages the eyes, the skin, the lungs and the heart. It is vile and pernicious."

His claims are largely unsubstantiated, but the construction industry is calling for better protection for workers and for safer substances to be used where possible. Builders in California, mindful of expensive law suits, tell homebuyers that formaldehyde may cause cancer and birth defects.

The GMB union is seeking a big cut in the legal limit of exposure to formaldehyde. The British limit is 20 times above that in Germany and Sweden and seven times above that of America.

It has been suggested that small amounts of gases are released from MDF furniture and that these may cause illness. Rory O'Neill, editor of *Hazards* magazine, believes the potential risk makes MDF too dangerous for people to use in their own homes. "Like asbestos, MDF is promoted as a wonder product, but it is undoubtedly a dangerous substance."

The Wood Panel Industries Federation said that the critics were alarmist and their fears were unfounded. "MDF has *nothing in common with asbestos," a federation spokes*man said.

The Health and Safety Executive said funding for the study had been granted because little was known about the potential hazards of MDF. "There is no reliable research. At present there is no evidence to suggest it poses a risk and can be compared to other risks like asbestos. Some of the claims being made in the US are quite outrageous," a spokeswoman said.

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Arnold Machin: wants to call an assembly of the academy to close *Sensation*

Academy veteran tries to halt show

By Philip Delves Broughton

THE Royal Academy's longest-serving member, the sculptor Arnold Machin, is trying to rally fellow academicians to close *Sensation*, the exhibition of work by young British artists from the Charles Saatchi collection.

Yesterday Mr Machin, 85, a member of the academy for more than 50 years, called the exhibition pornographic and disgusting and said the academy's administrators were scoundrels.

*He was particularly sym*pathetic to the disgust expressed by Winnie Johnson, 64, the mother of one of the children killed by Myra Hindley, the Moors murderer whose portrait made up of hundreds of children's handprints had to be withdrawn after it was attacked with ink and eggs last week.

"If I can collect 12 other academicians, I can call an assembly and maybe we can stop the show," he said.

Whelan, Lee and Channon: successful off the pitch

Footballers are winners, even after the game

By Alexandra Frean, social affairs correspondent

AFTER hanging up their boots, professional footballers play the long retirement game better than those who have slogged away in more conventional fields of employment.

Contrary to the popular perception of soccer stars growing fat and frustrated behind the bars of their country pubs, they continue to feel like winners by living contentedly on their past glories, according to new research.

Immediately after retiring, footballers frequently experience periods of depression, combined with financial and emotional insecurity. However, they are better placed to start a new life than those used to suits, according to an Open University study. The key to their survival lies in their ability to draw inner strength from their enduring memories of their careers on the pitch, says Brian Gearing, a senior lecturer from the OU's School of Health and Social Welfare. He spent a year interviewing top footballers as well as the Northampton Town squad of the 1960s.

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The average length of a footballer's playing career is only eight and a half years and footballers are faced with having to accept that an important part of their life — for many the most important chapter of their lives — is over at an early age, Mr Gearing told the British Society of Gerontology's annual conference in Bristol yesterday.

"I found that former players don't live in the past, but draw strength from it. They retain a 'football identity' through their memories and those of fans, through the occasional magazine article or commemorative programme, maybe the occasional bit of coaching, and this seems to be a positive factor as they age."

A handful of high-profile footballers, such as Gary Lineker and Alan Hansen, become media pundits when their playing careers are over, many others stay on as coaches or managers, but most are forced to find jobs outside the profession.

Francis Lee, a former England player and now chairman of Manchester City, became a millionnaire after setting up a paper products company which he later sold.

David Whelan, who played for Blackburn Rovers in the Sixties, has a sucessful sports shop chain, JJB Sports. Mike Channon, who won 46 caps for England, is now a successful racehorse trainer.

Not all footballers, however, enjoy such sunny retirement. Ken Leek, a former Northampton player, left the game to work in a Ford factory. He said: "You've really got to set your mind to say, 'That's what I'm going to do' and swallow your pride and get on with it."

After the Arsenal striker Charlie George quit the game, his marriage fell apart, he lost his pub in Hampshire, liquidated his garage business and spent time showing visitors around Arsenal's ground. Peter Storey, with whom he played, was convicted of fraud, as was Manchester United's Mickey Thomas.

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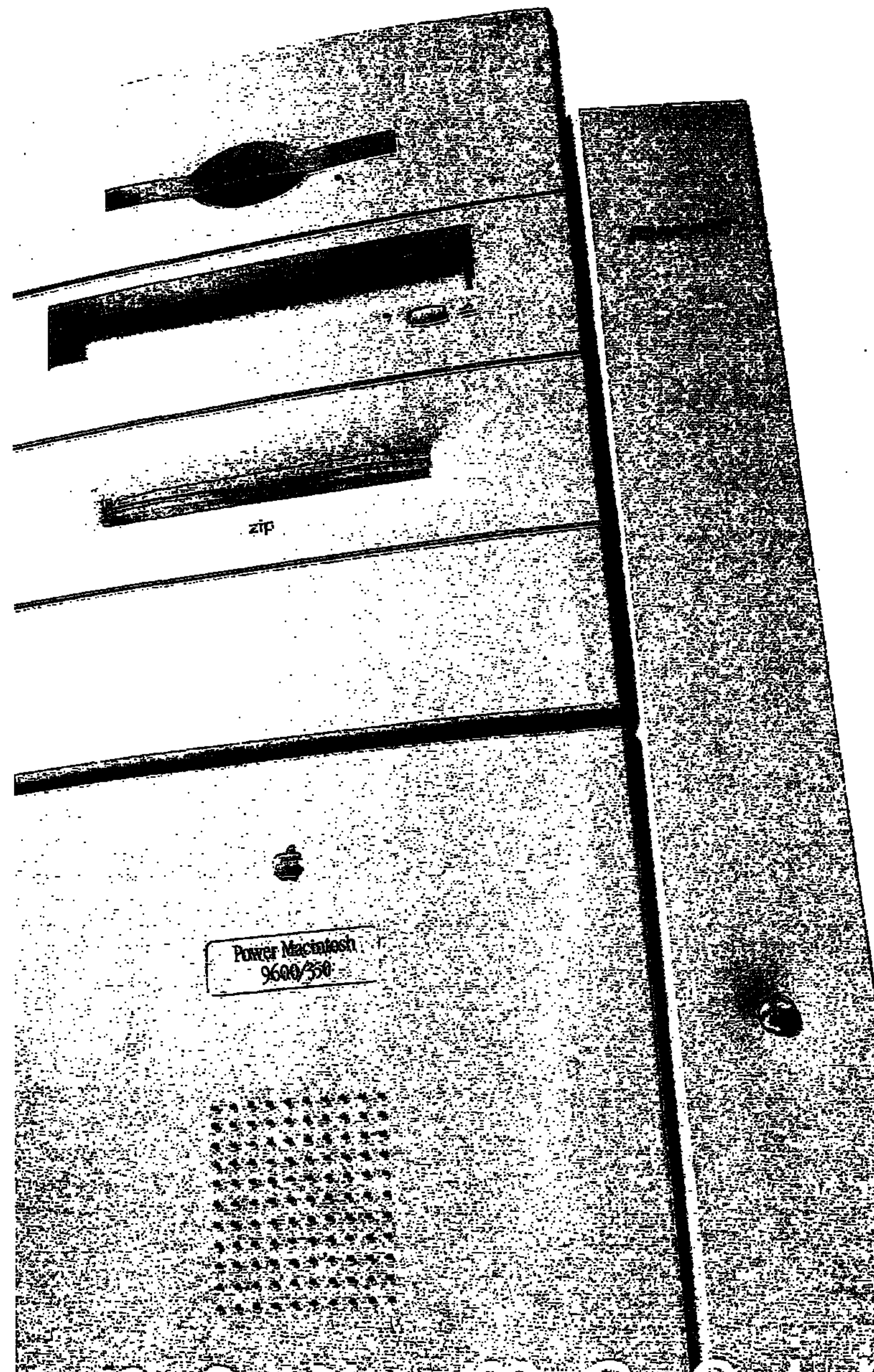

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Ashdown urged to give party's women a chance

By Polly Newton, political reporter

PADDY ASHDOWN was strongly criticised by members of his party last night for doing too little to increase the number of women Liberal Democrat MPs.

The dispute, which insiders say has been simmering for some time, erupted at the start of the Liberal Democrat conference in Eastbourne as Mr Ashdown launched a scheme to encourage more women to stand for Parliament.

Would-be women Liberal Democrat MPs will be offered grants from the Nancy Seear Trust Fund — named after the late peer — in an initiative similar to the "Emily's List" system used by Labour.

The scheme has been championed by the Liberal Democrat spokesman on women's issues, Jackie Ballard, MP for Taunton. But some party members dismiss it as little more than a sop for activists and the media. One said: "It suggests that the only problem is finance — that you can say to women candidates, 'Go out shopping and buy a suit and everything will be fine.'"

The criticism was echoed by Justine McGuinness, chairwoman of the Women Liberal Democrats group (WLD), which is embroiled in its own dispute with the party leadership over attempts to increase the representation of women at every level in the party. Ms McGuinness said: "When it comes to Paddy and his advisers, it is a woman-free zone ... The record speaks for itself. We are worse than the Tories when it comes to the percentage of women MPs.

"We fielded about seven fewer women candidates than Labour in the election, but Labour's were in winnable seats. Ours resorted to standing in seats that they knew they would never win."

The dispute will reach the floor of the conference tomorrow when the party debates ways of strengthening the role played by women.

Yesterday WLD, which has moved two of the motions for debate, was asked unofficially by conference organisers to withdraw one on the ground that its implementation could be open to legal challenge under sex discrimination laws. It proposes a system that would guarantee the election of a minimum number of women to party committees.

The executive of WLD is understood to be furious at such pressure being applied over what it regards as a minor step. After a meeting in Eastbourne last night the executive was expected to reject the withdrawal request.

The group's membership includes all three Liberal Democrat women MPs and the party's women peers. Among those who have urged it to stick to its guns and insist on its motion being debated is Baroness Williams.

WLD campaigners have abandoned the "softly softly" approach of recent years, and have decided to air their grievances in public. They say that if the party fails to represent women it cannot claime to be progressive, national or modern.

In a briefing note for circulation at the conference, the group refers to a "glass ceiling" in the party: "Women can take the minutes, make the tea and deliver leaflets but the party will not allow us a fair crack of the whip at parliamentary seats."

The briefing, headed Equality not Excuses, says the ratio of men to women in the parliamentary party doubled at the election, entrenching women Liberal Democrats in Parliament as "a minority of a minority". It adds: "If we don't start the programme of modernisation needed to address this imbalance NOW, how will we ever tackle enouraging 'minorities' such as the disabled? We will not be able to."

The attack is particularly embarrassing for Mr Ashdown at a time when he is trying to prove his commitment to encouraging women in the party to play a bigger role.

Mr Ashdown and his wife, Jane, at their hotel yesterday. Critics say his circle of advisers is a woman-free zone

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LIBERAL DEMOCRAT CONFERENCE AGENDA

TODAY 22

ECONOMY: Malcolm Bruce, Treasury spokesman, welcomes the Bank of England's independence to set interest rates but launches his party's traditional annual attack on the Government — whichever one — for not investing enough in education and health (11.20am).

AGRICULTURE: Charles Kennedy, agriculture/rural affairs spokesman, risks angering farmer by welcoming the European Commission's plans for reform of the common agricultural policy as a starting point for negotiations (2.40pm). Activists call for long-distance transportation of live animals to be curbed.

DEVOLUTION: Jim Wallace, leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, and Richard Livsey, leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats, map out the party's future in an Edinburgh parliament and a Welsh assembly after the referendums on devolution (3.15pm).

FRINGE: Paddy Ashdown, party leader, hosts a reception to get to know some of his army of local councillors (Cumberland Hotel, 1pm). Frank Field, the Minister for Welfare Reform, makes a foray into enemy territory to outline his plans (Tennis Centre 2, conference centre, 6.15pm).

TUESDAY 23

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH: Robert Maclennan outlines the party's plans for constitutional change, including proportional representation, and tries to ward off concerns among activists about the new Lib-Lab Cabinet committee (10.15am).

EDUCATION: Don Foster, the education spokesman, leads a debate on the Dearing report into the funding of higher education, which the Government has endorsed. The party, hoping to attract the student vote, will urge the Government to reject any proposals which would prevent poorer students going to university (11.30am).

ENVIRONMENT: In an attempt to show that there is a lack of green initiatives from John Prescott's souped-up Whitehall department, Matthew Taylor, environment and transport spokesman, leads calls for UK energy use and carbon dioxide emissions to be cut by raising fuel prices for cars and aircraft (14.25pm).

FRINGE: Adair Turner, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, addresses meeting on partnership in business (Grand Hotel, 6.15pm). Lib Dem MPs meet the press to question reporters about how the party is seen by the media (Grand Hotel, 21.45pm).

WEDNESDAY 24

HEALTH: Simon Hughes, health spokesman, will enjoy his high standing with the party's rank and file when he leads a debate on NHS funding, urging the Government to provide extra cash to avoid a crisis this winter (12.10pm). Earlier, at 9am, delegates debate biotechnological innovations and will urge caution in view of their ethical implications.

LEADER'S SPEECH: Mr Ashdown urges his party activists and new MPs to use their unprecedented success at the general election as a platform for further advance. In an attempt to head off opposition to the new Lib-Lab Cabinet committee, he also urges his party to have confidence "to take risks" to get Lib Dem policies implemented (2pm).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Jackie Ballard, new MP for Taunton, leads a debate calling for an end to the capping of local authority budgets, a much-favoured demand among the party's 5,000 councillors. Later, delegates debate the Government's plans for a London authority, calling for a "fair voting system" for the new body.

THURSDAY 25

EUTHANASIA: After past debates on the decriminalisation of cannabis and on the monarchy, this year's off-beat discussion is about voluntary euthanasia. Sir Ludovic Kennedy, the writer and broadcaster, will call for a Royal Commission to investigate the issue. It will be argued that doctors should be allowed openly to help terminally ill patients to die, instead of doing so in secret (9.30am).

EUROPE: Menzies Campbell, foreign affairs spokesman, and David Heath, the spokesman on Europe, in the party's Euro-friendly fashion, welcome the Amsterdam treaty provisions giving greater powers to the European Parliament. They also urge the Government to use Britain's presidency of the European Union next year to take forward reform of EU institutions (10.30am).

FINAL SESSION: Rather than giving the delegates a spirited send-off with songs, as do Labour and the Tories, the Lib Dems will hold a low-key session: four leading women party members, Ms Ballard, Emma Nicholson, Diana Maddock, and Aina Khan tell delegates how the party can "make a difference" in local government, Westminster, and Europe. •

Steel defended against 'sleaze' attack

Paddy Ashdown says work for the hunting lobby was neither wrong nor secret. **Jill Sherman** reports

DAVID STEEL was vigorously defended by Paddy Ashdown last night over the disclosure that as an MP he was paid more than £90,000 to campaign for the pro-hunting lobby.

Some Liberal Democrats criticised their former party leader for going against the spirit of party policy, and the League Against Cruel Sports accused him of taking a huge salary for a "sleazy job".

Lord Steel of Aikwood, who became a peer after retiring as an MP at the general election, received £93,752 for working up to two days a week as part-time chairman of the Countryside Movement, one of the organisations that held the mass pro-hunting rally in London this summer. He declared the job in the Register of Members' Interests, but not the fee he had taken from October 1995 to the end of March this year. Under parliamentary rules, he did not have to declare the fee.

Yesterday Mr Ashdown said that Lord Steel had done nothing wrong and had not gone against party policy. Although most Liberal Democrat MPs, including Mr Ashdown, oppose fox-hunting, the party leader made clear that it was a "conscience issue". He told the BBC1 programme *Breakfast With Frost*: "It was out in the open. It was in the register of interests. It was neither wrong, nor was it secret, nor was it kept from the party membership, nor was it kept from the wider public. He's done absolutely nothing wrong."

Steel: his support for hunting was well known

Lord Steel also issued a statement condemning television reports that he said were defamatory. The statement strongly criticised the newspaper that published details of his fee in an article that he said was a "tendentious piece of journalism" containing old news, deliberately aimed at wrecking the opening of the annual party conference. "The story in this morning's *Independent on Sunday* presents a travesty of the Countryside Movement and is defamatory of me," he said. "The few facts in it are neither 'revealed' nor 'exclusive' as the paper claims, but have been in the public domain, including other newspapers, for months.

"The headline report of this story by BBC news this morning was also blatantly defamatory. Solicitors will accordingly be acting on my behalf."

David Lees, chairman of the Liberal Democrat Animal Protection Group, conceded that Lord Steel's pro-hunting views were well known. "But this is much more embarrassing for the party's cleanness point of view. The fact that he has accepted this amount of money while still an MP for something contrary to party policy is wrong."

John Cooper, chairman of the League Against Cruel Sports executive, said: "David Steel should be thoroughly ashamed of this sleazy job."

This year the Countryside Movement and the Countryside Business Group amalgamated with the British Field Sports Society. The three formed the Countryside Alliance to organise the pro-hunting rally in London, at which Lord Steel spoke.

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The stamps were speedily prepared but Earl Spencer is said to have thought that the tribute was premature

Earl urged to lift ban on Princess stamps

By Tim Jones

EARL SPENCER was under increasing *pressure last night* to drop his veto on the Royal Mail issuing commemorative stamps of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The Queen, Tony Blair and the Department of Trade and Industry have given their backing to having the special stamps issued quickly as a simple and affordable official tribute to the Princess.

A Royal Mail spokesman confirmed that the issue had been postponed because of the earl's objection. He said: "The proposal has not been abandoned. It is on hold.

"We had the backing of Buckingham Palace, No 10 Downing Street and the Department of Trade and Industry, but it was opposed by Earl Spencer. Apparently the earl thought it was premature, and has put a moratorium on memorial activities for Diana."

Senior officials of the Royal Mail were so confident that their plans would be approved for the five 26p stamps to go on sale last Thursday that they sent advance pictures to some leading collectors. They had also printed the five stamps and had arranged for them to be reproduced in a special supplement to their publication, the *British Philatelic Bulletin*.

The stamps, which it is thought would have sold in hundreds of millions, feature pictures of the Princess taken by the Earl of Snowdon, Tim Graham, Terence Donovan and John Stillwell, of the Press Association.

Yesterday Peter Jennings, a leading collector who writes about stamps, said: "I have seen the stamps and they would be a wonderful and lasting tribute to the Princess. I appeal to Earl Spencer and his family to allow the Royal Mail to issue them in the near future.

"Postage stamps would make a wonderful and lasting tribute to the Princess and would be collected by philatelists and non-stamp collectors throughout the world for years to come."

*Mr Jennings said he under*stood that, on September 1, the day after the Paris road crash in which the Princess was fatally injured, the Royal Mail had requested the Department of Trade and Industry to approach Buckingham Palace for permission to issue commemorative stamps. He said that work began *immediately* on designs for them and a first-day cover.

He added: "So certain were they that the stamps would be issued that the Royal Mail printed a special one-page insert for the *British Philatelic Bulletin*, which included reproductions of the new stamps in colour."

It was intended that the covers would receive a Kensington postmark as the Princess had lived at Kensington Palace, from where her funeral procession started.

Dealers *have reported* a tenfold increase in sales of existing stamps bearing portraits of the Princess. She appeared on only one British set, when she was featured with the Prince of Wales on stamps issued to mark their marriage in 1981. But countries across the world issued stamps in 1982 to celebrate her 21st birthday and the birth of Prince William.

Special stamp issues usually take months or years to develop, although an exception was made after the death of Sir *Winston Churchill, when a set* went on sale a few months after his death.

In Britain, no living person outside the Royal Family may appear on a postage stamp. A set marking the golden wedding anniversary in November of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh is being prepared.

☐ The public books of condolence opened after the death of the Princess were closed yesterday. Tens of thousands of people have left messages of sympathy.

More than 30 *books had* been kept available day and night at Kensington Palace since the funeral. Before that, up to 43 were available at St James's Palace after the original small number proved inadequate.

At some stages people were queueing for up to 12 hours overnight at St James's to sign the books.

Buckingham Palace is expected to offer them to the Spencer family.

BBC RETHINKS ROYAL FUNERALS

By Raymond Snoddy

The BBC is reassessing its coverage of royal funerals. It is certain that the broadcast of the eventual funeral of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will be very different from that of the *Princess*.

Philip Gilbert, head of BBC Outside Broadcasting, said at the Royal Television Society's convention at the weekend that, with the death of older members of the Royal Family, "you are celebrating that life, not expecting the world to go into deep, deep mourning". Alan Yentob, BBC Director of Television, *said the main aim with* future deaths would be to "understand the moment" and react in an appropriate way to the circumstances of each death. The BBC also pointed out that its 24-hour cable and satellite news service would also *change the nature of its* coverage.

Research showed 73 per cent of the public thought the BBC's television coverage of the death was appropriate, and 92 per cent for radio. At the convention in Cambridge, broadcasters agreed that their coverage had been responding to public reaction, rather than creating it.

Cab convoy takes children to pay tribute at crash scene

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

A CONVOY of 66 London taxis, carrying sick children from hospitals often visited by the Princess, wound through Paris yesterday to lay flowers at the site of the car crash in which she was fatally wounded.

The 126 children put a taxi-shaped wreath at the Flame of Liberty at the Pont de l'Alma, above the underpass where the accident happened on August 31. Since then the monument, a replica of the flame on New York's Statue of Liberty, has become a shrine to the Princess and hundreds of mourners come every day to lay flowers or stand in silence.

The fleet of cabs made a detour into the French capital at the children's request after taking them to Disneyland Paris, a trip organised for each of the past four years. "It's the children's weekend and they asked to pay a tribute at this location. We felt it right to respect their wishes." Phillip Davies, master of the Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers, said.

Michelle Smith was on the trip with her daughter Sarah, 7, who has cerebral palsy and is undergoing treatment at Basildon Hospital in Essex. "The Princess meant a lot to all of us," Mrs Smith said. "In many ways it is a very sad day. She did such a lot."

Traffic around the bridge ground to a halt as the cabs, accompanied by a motorcycle escort, an ambulance and police, stopped at the scene for a half-hour visit. Afterwards, the convoy left with horns blaring in an expression of thanks to the police who had cleared a route for them out of the city.

Steve Sanders, the driver who organised the trip to Disneyland, said that it would be repeated in future years. "We at the Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers are delighted to organise this event and look forward to doing so for many years to come." Mr Sanders said.

He described the visit to the Pont de l'Alma as an emotional and important moment for children and drivers. "Princess Diana was a regular visitor to the patients at Great Ormond Street and the children from the hospital were particularly anxious to pay their last respects."

☐ Investigators are expected to conduct a second interview this week with Trevor Rees-Jones, the sole survivor of the crash. A brief first interview with the injured bodyguard, who is suffering partial amnesia as a result of trauma and heavy doses of anaesthetic, yielded little material evidence because he can remember nothing about the circumstances of the accident.

Police sources said yesterday that Hervé Stéphan, one of two magistrates leading the investigation, had not given up hope that Mr Rees-Jones would recover sufficient memory to shed light on the moments before the crash.

PETER NICHOLLS

Amelia Sands, 7, laying the cab-shaped wreath in Paris yesterday

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nearly 25 a year die in police accidents

Nearly 100 people are estimated to have died and up to 1,376 were seriously injured in accidents involving police vehicles in the four years to 1995, according to a Home Office study.

The study found that 45 per cent of people died while pursued by police, 23 per cent when officers were answering emergency calls, 20 per cent when police were on duty and 8 per cent in training exercises. Most of the drivers who died in chases lost control of their cars and hit a tree or wall.

Toad site saved

A campaign to save one of the most important sites for the common toad, frogs and newts is to be backed by Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister. English Nature has been told to reach agreement with Justin Harmer, a farmer who had wanted to plough up part of Offham Marshes in East Sussex.

Torture charge

A doctor is to be charged with maltreating detainees while he worked in an alleged torture centre in Sudan in 1990. Muhammad Mahgoub, 38, who has been released on bail, is expected to appear at the High Court in Dundee early next year. Until June he worked as a researcher in the city's Ninewells hospital.

Triumph recall

The motorcycle maker Triumph recalled hundreds of new models after faults were found in the welding of the frames. The faults, in the T595 Daytona and T509 Speed Triple, were in bikes made in the first six weeks of production at Triumph's new £80 million factory in Hinckley, Leicestershire.

Help for snorers

A helpline has been launched *to help people with chronic* snoring and their long-suffering partners. Callers can speak to nurses about coping with the problem and obtain information on treatment. The service, which coincides with the start of No Snoring Week, can be contacted on 0870 603 4444.

Conker shortage

A *shortage of conkers caused* by drought and late frosts is threatening to undermine the annual World Conker Championships in Ashton, Northamptonshire. John Hadman, the organiser, said officials would have to spread their *net wider to find the 1,500 top*-quality horse chestnuts they need on October 12.

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Party bosses target the 'enemy within' as pre-election nerves fray

INSIDE GERMANY

BY ROGER BOYES

How deep have we sunk? The question was posed by a letter writer to the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. She was complaining about the offhand treatment by Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, of the widely admired former President, Richard von Weizsäcker.

Herr von Weizsäcker belonged to the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) of Herr Kohl, although his membership was allowed to lapse during his ten years as head of state. Now Herr von Weizsäcker has published memoirs mildly critical of the Chancellor. Herr Kohl has hit back, telling party friends that, in the idiom of Margaret Thatcher, the former President is "not one of us" and is ungrateful to the party that had nourished his career. Evidently the idea that one owes the party a debt of gratitude did not die out with Enver Hoxha, the late Albanian dictator. The Chancellor is known to have a talent for gratuitous insults. But this insistence on blind loyalty defines the present mood. Across the party spectrum, there is pressure to close ranks and keep discipline — this a full year to go before the general election.

Against all odds, the Social Democrats are more successful than the CDU at muzzling internal dissent. But there is also a certain harshness of voice, a raw climate. The party, out of power since 1982, can ill afford to lose another election.

Günter Grass, Germany's most influential novelist, says he will go on the stump for a Social Democrat-Green coalition government. His aim is to drum up the kind of intellectual partisanship witnessed during the Blair election campaign and it is a clever enough move; the smallest of Volkswagens could serve as a campaign bus for a group calling itself Writers for Kohl. The surprising feature of Herr Grass's declaration is not his politics — he is a veteran Social Democrat — but the crudity of their expression. The writer accused by name the head of a bank and the boss of the employers' federation of being the new "asocials", a word signifying social parasite that was used by Nazi propaganda. "They drive in Mercedes, so they're not exactly like the tramps in the street who were previously regarded as asocial."

The writer said: "They drop out of society in quite a different way, in the sense they are trying to wreck the social consensus. A rich country is tolerating huge numbers of unemployed, despite the clear warning of 1932 when we had six million out of work and had to live with the consequences."

Herr Grass does get things wrong — he was dumbfounded by unification — and is as choleric as Herr Kohl. But his rough tongue is typical of both the political and writing classes: they are behaving as if they are stuck in an airless, crowded, slow-moving bus. In many ways, they are. The poison at the top contrasts with a more general, subjective observation: that ordinary Germans have become slightly more polite. Certainly it is a long time since I was barged in the supermarket or told to look lively at the cash desk. Herr Grass's favourite for the chancellery is Oskar Lafontaine, the chairman of the Social Democrats.

He has also told friends that Herr Lafontaine is more likely than Gerhard Schröder to be his challenger next year. The reasoning is clear. Only a Red-Green alliance, probably with the support of the former communist PDS party, can topple Herr Kohl. Only Herr Lafontaine, an undogmatic left-winger, is acceptable to such a line-up.

Herr Schröder — tough on crime, on welfare spongers and on the euro, is leaning too far to the right. For the moment, the two are marching in tandem (they have not yet agreed who is supposed to be Tony Blair and who Gordon Brown) and are pushing through an economic programme which hobbles several of the party's holy cows. Party discipline is holding, however, enforced with the sensitive mien of drill sergeants.

This autumn's party congresses are being carefully choreographed. Next spring will be the dissident season. Until then, the party faithful are ready to be rounded up by the snapping sheepdogs of their party leaders.

French bishops 'repent' wartime silence on Jews

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRENCH bishops will offer a formal "repentance" next week for the Roman Catholic Church's failure to condemn the persecution of Jews during the collaborationist Vichy regime in the Second World War.

The "declaration on the attitude of bishops in the war" will be made at ceremony on the site of the principal Jewish internment camp in France on September 30, 57 years after the Vichy regime passed the first anti-Jewish laws and just days before the trial of Maurice Papon, the ageing French bureaucrat accused of sending hundreds of Jews to their death.

Historians have often accused the Church of failing in its moral duty during the Occupation by not speaking out against legislation discriminating against the Jews. "It is time the Church took responsibility for the sins of its children," Mgr Louis-Marie Billé, president of the French Conference of Bishops, said.

At least 75,000 Jews were deported from France to Nazi death camps. Of these, some 64,000 were held at Drancy in the Paris suburbs, where next week's ceremony will be held, before being sent on to Auschwitz. Twenty bishops will attend the event, along with leaders of the Jewish community. The formal "mea culpa" will consider the way in which "the negative view of Jews which the Church fostered over the centuries helped to create a fertile terrain in which Nazi ideas could be planted without resistance".

Under laws passed by the Vichy regime in 1940, Jews were barred from professions such as medicine, the law and the civil service, and forbidden to own property. A detailed census of Jews living in France made it easy for the Nazis and French collaborators to carry out deportations.

The bishops' apology to the Jewish community follows guidelines from the Vatican calling on Catholics to make amends for past indifference or intolerance. "The mitigating circumstances do not remove the duty of the Church to express profound regret for the weakness of so many of its children," the Pope said in 1994. The pontiff is expected to make a statement on the wartime attitude of the Church later this year.

M Papon, 87, a former senior Vichy administrator, is accused of ordering the deportation of 1,560 Jews, including many children, between 1942 and 1944. His trial, which begins in Bordeaux on October 8, is seen by many as the last opportunity to put collaboration by French officials in the dock.

Arno Klarsfeld, the leading French Nazi-hunter who helped to bring the case, has said that while the trial will focus on Vichy it should be remembered that the Nazis were primarily responsible for the Holocaust.

"This trial is to set the record straight . . .future generations must know that those responsible for the 'final solution' in France were first and foremost Germans who wanted to kill the Jews," M Klarsfeld said.

M Papon's lawyers have summoned numerous witnesses to the trial, including the former President, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, who promoted M Papon to budget minister, a post he lost after the discovery of his wartime past. "He can call Moses or Jesus Christ to testify: it raises media interest but, in the end, it changes nothing," M Klarsfeld said.

Hamburg sets tough poll test for Kohl

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN FRANKFURT

A REGIONAL election in the German city state of Hamburg yesterday started off a year of balloting that will prove crucial to the chances of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, chances of being re-elected when Germans go to the polls next autumn.

Facing one of the toughest periods in his 14-year leadership, Herr Kohl knows only a miracle will wrestle power from the opposition Social Democratic Party, which has ruled Hamburg for the past 40 years, but he will be hoping for more support for his Christian Democratic Union after a disastrous 25 per cent share of the vote in the last election in 1993.

Nothing is likely to topple Henning Voscherau, the Mayor. His re-election has been made easier by an unpopular Chancellor, who has failed to solve economic problems and looks weak in the run-up to several more state and municipal elections before the national polls.

As in Germany's 15 other states, voters in Hamburg are also concerned about Herr Kohl's attempt to replace the mark with a single European currency. Rising crime is another issue that may influence the election in which 1.2 million voters are eligible to choose from a list of 21 parties.

ANJA NIEDRINGHAUS / EPA

Vuk Draskovic, the Serbian Renewal Movement candidate, kisses a girl after voting

Serb vote boycott is likely to fail

FROM TOM WALKER IN BELGRADE

SERBS went to the polls yesterday, with students and the disaffected middle classes clinging to the slim hope that a boycott might disrupt Socialist rule and help to break the big brother influence of Slobodan Milosevic.

On Saturday night, thousands of students demonstrated in central Belgrade, supporting the call of Zoran Djindjic, the Mayor, to ignore the parliamentary and presidential elections. But diplomats and international observers doubted whether enough of the 7.2 million electorate would heed Mr Djindjic's advice. A turnout of under 50 per cent would nullify the elections.

Mr Milosevic is, in theory, removed from political life, occupying the more ceremonial role of federal Yugoslav President. In reality he is everywhere, overshadowing campaigning by the Socialist coalition candidate, Zoran Lilic, a former male model.

Voters had two other mainstream presidential candidates to choose from: Vuk Draskovic, a former partner of Mr Djindjic and figurehead of last winter's demonstrations, and Vojislav Seselj, an ultranationalist who ran Chetnik paramilitary units during the Bosnian war. Diplomats were predicting a run-off.

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Inquiries stepped up into fund calls by Clinton

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON'S campaign fundraising scandal has taken a potentially serious new turn for President Clinton over whether he made illegal telephone calls to donors from the White House.

Under unrelenting pressure from Republicans, Janet Reno, the United States Attorney-General, announced the first step towards naming a special prosecutor to investigate Mr Clinton's solicitation of cash for the Democratic Party in last year's election.

Ms Reno ordered the Justice Department to open a 30-day review into the possibility of criminal conduct by Mr Clinton. If the review finds a case to answer, the law calls for Ms Reno to launch a more extensive 90-day preliminary inquiry. At the end of that time she must decide whether to ask a panel of three appeal court judges to appoint an independent counsel.

White House officials said they will co-operate with the inquiry and were confident no laws had been broken. With unfortunate timing, Mr Clinton was on a fundraising drive in California that netted nearly $1 million (£625,000).

He told reporters with a shrug that he knew nothing about Ms Reno's investigation. In the past the President has said he does not remember whether he made fundraising calls from the Oval Office, though notes taken by an aide during a White House planning session said: "BC made 15 to 20 calls, raised 500K [$½ million]".

The dialling-for-dollars flap has its roots in the Democrats' desperation to outspend the wealthier Republicans, an obsession that led to renting out the Lincoln Bedroom to the biggest donors, holding White House coffee mornings for tycoons seeking favours and accepting tainted foreign money, plus unproven allegations that China was trying to buy influence.

Ms Reno's order was reportedly prompted by an examination of the President's telephone logs which showed that some of his calls appeared to have generated donations that went partly to "hard" accounts aimed at specific campaigns. She had earlier suggested that "soft" money for general party activities, such as getting out the vote, would be exempt from the ban on raising money on federal property.

Although the new investigation could be awkward for the President, it holds greater peril for Al Gore, his Vice-President, whose admitted 86 money-raising calls from the White House were already under a 30-day review after allegations that some funds went into "hard" accounts.

Mr Clinton's popularity has never been higher, 62 per cent approval in the latest poll, but Mr Gore, who hopes to run for President in 2000, has seen his ratings plummet from 54 per cent in July to 38 per cent.

The legality of whatever calls Mr Clinton and Mr Gore made from the White House is a grey area. The law says campaign funds must not be raised on government property, but does that apply to telephone calls if those on the receiving end are on private property? One focus of the new inquiry is a call-sheet that urged Mr Clinton to solicit a contribution from Gail Zappa, widow of the rock musician Frank Zappa. Whether or not he made the call, she gave $30,000 to the Democratic National Committee, of which $20,000 ended up in a "hard" account.

BULLIT MARQUEZ / AP

The former President, Corazon Aquino, acknowledges supporters yesterday at a Manila rally called to protest against moves to amend the Philippines Constitution so that President

Longer Ramos rule resisted

Ramos can extend his rule. As demonstrations were held in several cities, President Ramos, whose term of office ends next June, announced he would drop his plan to alter the Constitution. It was the second time in 11 years that a Philippines President has yielded to "people power". Mrs Aquino was a leading figure in the 1986 rallies that finally succeeded in toppling the late dictator, Ferdinand Marcos. *(AP)*

Cash offer to save Indian girls

The poorest families will be eligible for an £8 grant to keep baby daughters alive, writes ***Christopher Thomas*** *in Delhi*

INDIA'S poorest married couples are to receive 500 rupees (£8) a year for every new-born daughter in a move to raise the status of girls and end the practice of murdering female babies. Large numbers of girls are killed at birth, often by professional baby killers who make it look like natural death.

Just over two million girls will be born into such dire poverty each year for their parents to qualify for the new grants. The Government says it will pay the money to every poor couple — those earning less than £190 a year — with a girl born after August 15 this year. The payment is meant to be used to put the child through school.

Organising the grants, and ensuring the money is not siphoned off by corrupt bureaucrats, will be difficult. More than 26 million children are born every year in India, 12 million of them girls. India is one of the few countries that has substantially more males than females, partly because girls are more likely to die from neglect.

Doctors throughout India make handsome profits carrying out sex determination tests, followed by abortions if the foetus is female. The practice has been declared illegal, which has stopped clinics advertising but has done almost nothing to curb their activities.

Among India's poor majority, the birth of a son is a matter of celebration because he will bring in wages and a dowry; a daughter is not expected to work outside the home and will require a dowry to get married. Female infanticide is commonest in the northern state of Bihar, which has some of the worst rural and urban poverty in the country. Child marriages are relatively common in parts of Rajasthan, often soon after birth, because dowry payments are lower for babies than teenagers. Dowry, once a modest payment, has become a racket involving rapacious moneylenders charging as much as 60 per cent interest a year. The poorest families of girls might have to find the equivalent of a year's earnings to find a good marriage match, throwing them into a lifetime of debt and, in some cases, bonded labour.

Girls from poor families are usually more malnourished because boys are given the best of whatever food is available. Money for medicines is invariably reserved for males. This, together with abortions and infanticide, accounts for India's lopsided sex ratio of 929 females for every 1,000 males.

Female infanticide is also practised in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, where women administer poison from a particular leaf. In Rajasthan the method of murder varies from burial alive to stuffing the mouth and nostrils with sand. Female infanticide carries practically no stigma among the extremely poor.

The new payments are the idea of Inder Kumar Gujral, the Prime Minister. It will be difficult, however, to change the perception that the birth of a girl is a curse. In 1991 India joined other South Asian countries in declaring this the decade of the girl child, but it has had little or no impact.

Butterflies, a Delhi-based welfare organisation working with street children, says many poor women believe that they are doing the unborn girl a favour by having an abortion, because it prevents so much future suffering.

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UN chief to appeal for reform backing

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BUOYED by Ted Turner's £1billion (£625 million) donation to the United Nations, Kofi Annan, its Secretary-General, will make an unprecedented personal appeal to world leaders today to support his proposals for revitalising the organisation.

He will break with protocol and speak before President Clinton at the opening of the annual session of the 185-nation UN General Assembly. His intervention is an effort to put UN reform at the top of the agenda in the crucial coming months — even at the cost of upstaging the American leader.

Mr Annan is struggling to save the UN from what diplomats are calling its "creeping irrelevance". Proposed US legislation slashing the American contribution from 25 per cent to 20 per cent of the UN budget will have a devastating impact on the world body unless other countries agree to make up the shortfall. UN officials hope that the donation announced last week by Ted Turner, the founder of Cable News Network (CNN), will turn the tide of American public opinion in favour of the UN. But the gift will go to UN programmes rather than administrative costs, and so do nothing to reduce Washington's $1.5 billion debt to the organisation.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, is likely to emerge as an important cheerleader for the reform effort when he addresses the General Assembly tomorrow. As well as throwing Britain's weight behind Mr Annan's proposals, he is expected to upbraid the Americans for failing to pay their UN dues.

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Lebanese fire on Islamic militants

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THE Lebanese Army yesterday launched an unprecedented crackdown on Islamic militants, killing two and wounding two others in a northern port city after a battle to close their unlicensed television station.

Lebanese security officials said that the troops opened fire on members of the al-Tawheed Muslim fundamentalist movement, hundreds of whom had been gathering outside their al-Hilal television station since Saturday while their leaders negotiated with the authorities. Three Lebanese soldiers were also wounded in the fighting.

The officials said that 60 members of al-Tawheed were arrested, including two sons of the movement's leader, Sheikh Saeed Shaaban. The Sunni Muslim Al-Tawheed operates mainly around Tripoli in the north, while Hezbollah, the main Shia Islamic grouping, has its strength concentrated in the southern slums of Beirut and in the south of Lebanon.

Arab diplomatic sources said that the clampdown will have had the tacit support of Syria, which has cracked down hard on its own Islamic extremists.

Peace fears after Arafat collapses

The Palestinian leader, left, fainted during talks with Arabs, **Christopher Walker** reports

A NEW threat has emerged to the already shaky Middle East peace process — the declining health of Yassir Arafat, the 68-year-old Palestinian leader who has no obvious successor.

After 48 hours of diplomatic cover-up, it emerged yesterday from reliable Egyptian government sources that Mr Arafat blacked out during a heated meeting with Arab foreign ministers in Cairo on Friday and later had to be helped from the Foreign Ministry building.

He collapsed during an argument about a controversial economic conference with Israel due to be staged in the Gulf state of Qatar in November. "He got upset and just blacked out," said an Egyptian Foreign Ministry official who declined to be named.

The confirmation of the incident followed weeks of diplomatic speculation about Mr Arafat's increasingly weak-looking condition.

Hours after Mr Arafat's fainting fit, but without knowledge of it, Israel's Channel 2 television network carried an authoritative report based on US intelligence sources that the former guerrilla leader was "very ill". The report caused acute embarrassment among PLO leaders, who denied that talks were under way on a successor.

According to the Israeli television account, Mr Arafat is suffering from a degenerative muscle disease, but his mental capacity is so far unaffected. The report was based on medical evidence obtained by the CIA, whose representatives have been in close contact with Mr Arafat as the Middle East crisis has deepened in recent weeks. It followed descriptions from diplomats and others who have had recent contact with him of both his hands and lips trembling uncontrollably, increasing fragility and a staring look in his eyes.

Unaware of their leader's collapse in front of numerous Arab officials in Cairo, senior PLO members tried ineffectually to deny the substance of the Israeli TV report, which also disclosed that the Palestinian Authority had begun to look for a successor.

Attempting to deny the claims, Marwan Baghouti, an Authority minister, said: "Arafat's hands always shook, and this cannot be used to support a false claim that he suffers from a degenerative muscle disease. We do not need a replacement since Abu Ammar [Mr Arafat's nom de guerre] feels terrific."

Western diplomatic sources said last night that, if Mr Arafat's decline continued, it could have serious repercussions for the peace process, as no other Palestinian official is thought to have anywhere near his standing among the majority of the 2.2 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, or the millions of others in the diaspora.

A senior Palestinian journalist from the West Bank claimed that Mr Arafat had recently had a similar blackout during a meeting of Palestinian ministers in the West Bank town of Ramallah. "I was told by a doctor on the spot that for a whole day he was not able to function properly. But, as is usual, the incident was hushed up," the journalist said.

PLO sources said the man most often mentioned as a potential successor is Mr Arafat's number two, Abu Mazen, architect of the peace deal negotiated in Gaza but resented by many for alleged self-enrichment as a result.

Israeli and Arab medical sources differed about the exact nature of Mr Arafat's illness. In addition to the muscle disease, another possible reason for his recent poor health, according to some senior Palestinian figures, could be complications arising from the 1992 removal of a blood clot after the crash of his plane in the Libyan desert.

Cairo bombing arrests

Cairo: Egyptian security yesterday arrested four mental health officials, claiming that they took bribes and aided the escape of a patient who attacked a tour bus here last week, killing nine German tourists and the Egyptian bus driver.

President Mubarak has ordered military prosecutors to investigate the case against Saber Abu el-Ulla, who reportedly escaped from an asylum several days before the attack, and his brother, Mahmoud. The two were detained at the museum. Government officials no longer think there was a third attacker, despite witnesses' reported sightings. *(AP)*

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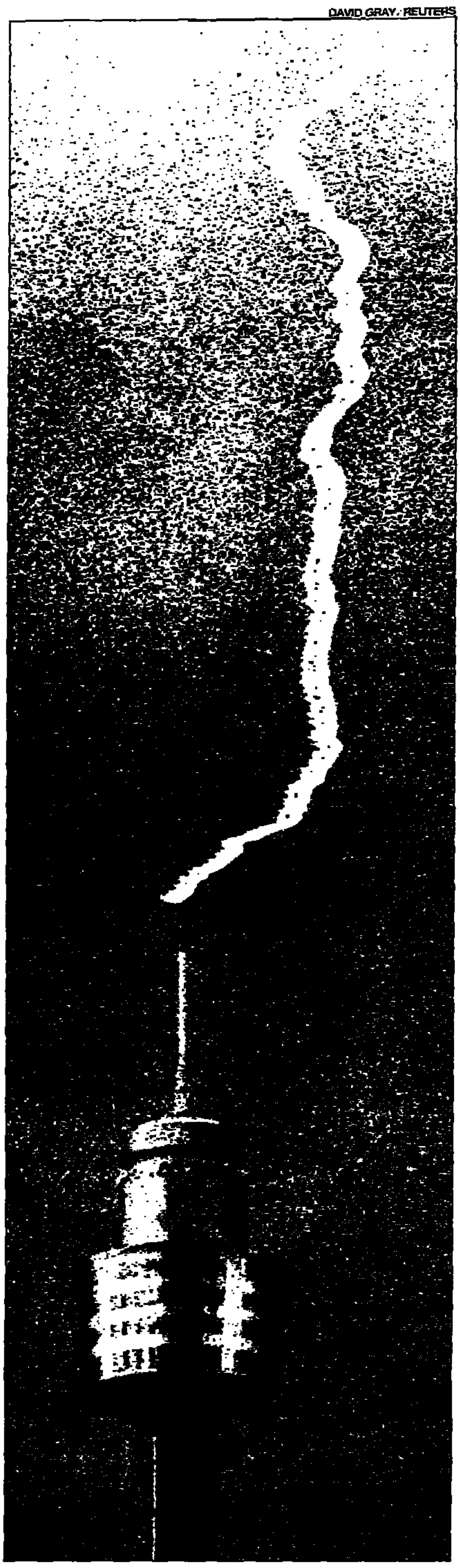

Lightning strikes a conductor on top of the 1,066ft Centrepoint Tower in Sydney at the weekend

WORLD SUMMARY

Fight for power by Solidarity

Warsaw: Poles voted in a general election yesterday in which the choice was between what one political leader described as "two hostile armies" that are unlikely to cooperate in the next parliament (Patricia Koza writes).

Candidates were competing for votes among an electorate of 28.8 million for 460 seats in the lower house (Sejm) and 100 in the Senate. Josef Oleksy, head of the post-communist Democratic Left Alliance, predicted a turnout of about 55 per cent. An indication of the result is expected today.

The alliance's main foe is Solidarity Election Action, a loose grouping of nearly 40 right-wing and Christian parties, with the Solidarity union at its core.

Ferry capsizes

Delhi: At least 93 people were missing, feared drowned, in eastern India after the ferry they were travelling in capsized in the Ganges, the United News of India reported. The crowded boat went down near Patna city. The press agency said the authorities were finding it difficult to carry out rescue operations in the darkness. *(AFP)*

Hong Kong visit

Hong Kong: Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister, and Zhu Rongji, his deputy, arrived in Hong Kong, the first time such senior figures from the new sovereign power have been seen since the handover. Mr Li was present to address the annual meeting of the World Bank, the first ever held in China.

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Algeria killings

Paris: Suspected Muslim rebels killed more than 50 residents, mostly women and children, in a hamlet 45 miles south of Algiers, cutting their throats in an orgy of violence that ended a two-week lull in mass civilian slaughter, sources close to the security forces said. Opposition groups blame the spate of attacks on security forces. *(Reuters)*

Separatists shot

Srinagar: Indian troops shot dead 22 Muslim separatist guerrillas in the Himalayan state of Kashmir, the military said. Sixteen were killed in one battle and six others died in three separate exchanges of gunfire. *(AFP)*

Woman's face sewn back on

FROM ROGER MAYNARD
IN SYDNEY

A WOMAN who had her entire face and scalp ripped off when her hair caught in farm machinery was recovering in hospital in Melbourne, Australia, last night after micro-surgeons successfully sewed them back on again.

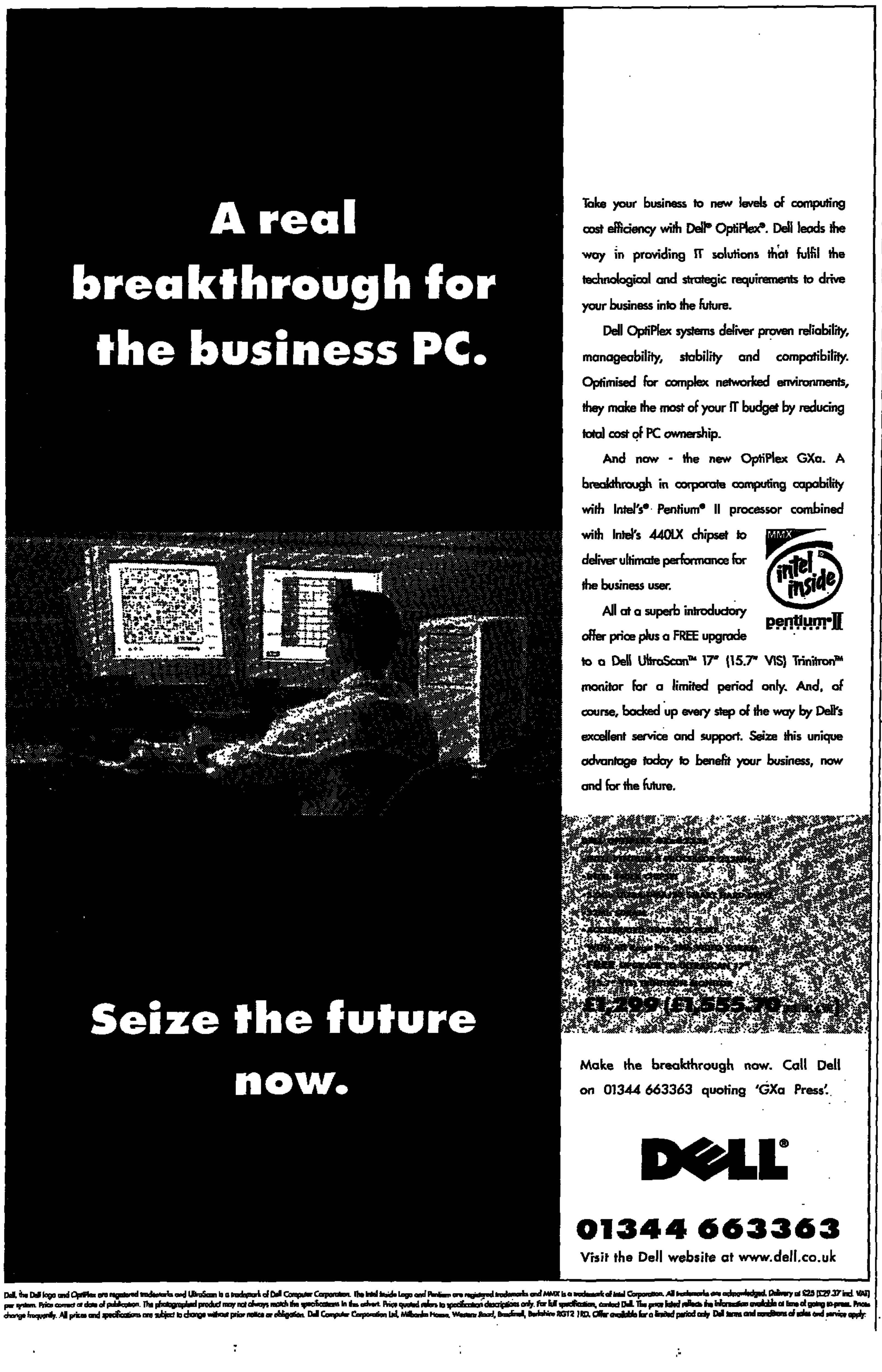
In what one member of the operating team described as "the most horrific and horrendous thing" he had ever seen, surgeons toiled for 25 hours to reattach the woman's features. A surgeon said "the essential characteristics of her face will be there".

The unidentified 28-year-old mother had been found by her partner with her entire face and scalp torn off, in a milking shed on their farm near Shepparton, Victoria.

Yesterday Professor Wayne Morrison, who led the operating team at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, said it was a horrific sight. "What we saw was a head that had been stripped of the skin and the hair and essentially looked like what you see in an anatomical dissection."

When the woman arrived at hospital only her chin, left ear and lower lip remained attached to her face. The rest was packed in ice while surgeons traced blood vessels and others worked on the remains of the face.

During her ordeal, the victim was given transfusions of nearly twice the body's eight pints of blood.



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Southern Africa faces chaos as drought bites

FROM R.W. JOHNSON IN DURBAN

Periodic disruption of Pacific weather patterns brings disaster in its wake, with droughts where there should be rain and floods in arid regions. This year's El Niño threatens to be a record-breaker, piling on the misery as far away as South Africa

SOUTHERN AFRICA is bracing itself for the worst El Niño-derived drought since 1982-83, when record floods followed. All but one of the 23 recorded instances of El Niño have brought drought to this part of the world, and that predicted for December this year will be the sixth in 20 years.

El Niño ("the child" in Spanish, so-called by fishermen in Peru and Ecuador because the phenomenon arrives at Christmas) is only partially understood, but our knowledge is complemented by the work of the British scientist, Sir Gilbert Walker, who derived the southern oscillation index, allowing prediction of Indian monsoons.

A positive index score predicts high pressure in the East while a negative score predicts drought. Taken together, the two measures are referred to as Enso (El Niño Southern Oscillation).

By April this year the index was already negative, a bad sign. For the earlier in the year this occurs, the more severe the ultimate drought. By July there was a negative index the same as that seen in the very worst of the 1991-92 drought. Matters have deteriorated and the index is expected to hit its nadir in January 1998.

In 1991-92 the effect of El Niño was to make Botswana the epicentre of a drought that spread across most of southern Africa. Soon one could count 20-25 grain ships a day waiting to enter Durban harbour as international agencies hurried to bring famine relief to Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia and Botswana.

In southern Africa the key effect of drought is felt on the maize crop, which is the basic African food staple. South Africa is expecting to export eight million tonnes of maize in 1997 in addition to feeding its own population. But in 1991-92 the effect of El Niño was to cut South Africa's maize production by two-thirds. In the southern African region as a whole, maize production fell by 80 per cent.

Thirty million people were placed at risk of malnutrition. South Africa and Zimbabwe had to import seven million tonnes of maize and South Africa was forced to obtain a loan from the International Monetary Fund for drought relief.

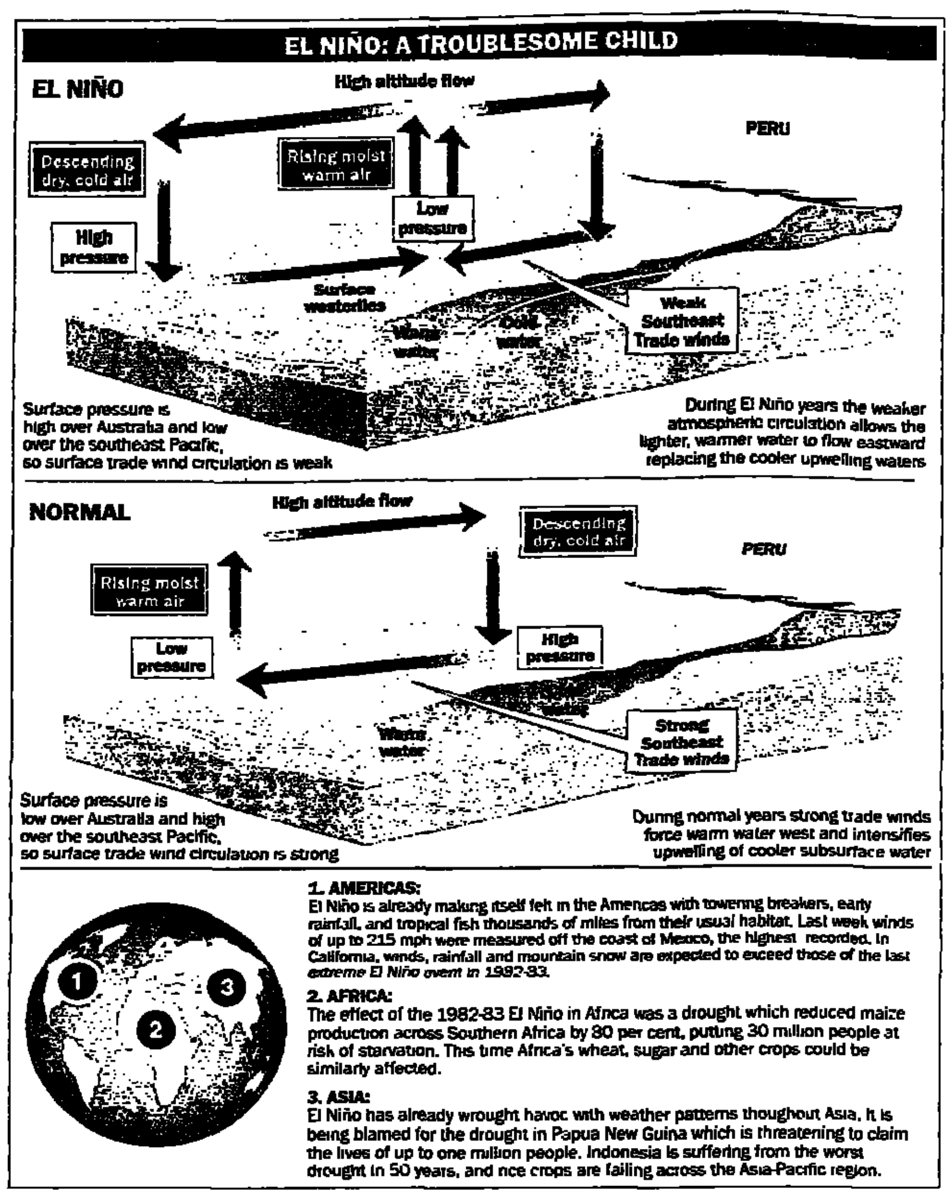
Already this year SBC Warburg, the investment bank, is predicting that South African maize production will fall by 56 per cent (producing a 0.8 per cent decline in the country's gross domestic product), but other estimates are far worse. The effects will be felt also on wheat, sugar and other crops because drought at the peak of the southern summer in January hits plants while they are in their most moisture reliant reproductive phase.

During the drought and accompanying heatwave of 1991-92 in Zimbabwe, temperatures of more than 40C (104F) brought biblical scenes, with insects and birds simply dropping dead in mid-air from dehydration. The region's mines — producing a dominant share of the world's gold, copper, nickel, palladium and rhodium, as well as large proportions of its uranium, diamonds and zinc — could also be hit as they require large quantities of water for cooling, washing, smelting and for power generation.

The only bright spot is that southern Africa has just had two years of good rains. Reservoirs are full and so are granaries. The South African Government, aware that such advantages can evaporate with horrible speed, is nonetheless planning emergency measures and South Africa's suburbanites are hurriedly topping up their swimming pools in anticipation of household restrictions on water consumption.

☐ **La Paz:** An intense heatwave and powerful storms blamed on El Niño caused five deaths in Bolivia last week, officials said at the weekend. *(AFP)*

EL NIÑO: A TROUBLESOME CHILD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1. AMERICAS:
El Niño is already making itself felt in the Americas with towering breakers, early rainfall, and tropical fish thousands of miles from their usual habitat. Last week winds of up to 215 mph were measured off the coast of Mexico, the highest recorded. In California, winds, rainfall and mountain snow are expected to exceed those of the last *extreme El Niño event in 1982-83.*

2. AFRICA:
The effect of the 1982-83 El Niño in Africa was a drought which reduced maize production across Southern Africa by 80 per cent, putting 30 million people at risk of starvation. This time Africa's wheat, sugar and other crops could be similarly affected.

3. ASIA:
El Niño has already wrought havoc with weather patterns thoughout Asia. It is being blamed for the drought in Papua New Guina which is threatening to claim the lives of up to one million people. Indonesia is suffering from the worst drought in 50 years, and rice crops are failing across the Asia-Pacific region.

Experts fearful of mass Papua hunger

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

A TEAM of emergency aid workers from Australia flew into Papua New Guinea at the weekend to assess the severity of a drought which experts fear could claim the lives of up to a million people.

The arrival of the disaster management team from Care Australia and the Australian National University follows mounting concern over the absence of crucial seasonal rains, which have been disrupted by El Niño.

Northern Australia, Indonesia and much of South-East Asia have been similarly affected. But it is the people of Papua New Guinea's Central Highlands, where severe frosts have combined with the drought, who are most at risk from the current dry spell.

An estimated 100 people have died so far and some government officials are suggesting that thousands more are at risk.

Leith Anderson, the director of Papua New Guinea's National Disaster and Emergency Services, said latest reports indicated that up to a million people could soon be facing starvation. Roy Yaki, the Finance Minister, said frosts which had damaged crops were compounding the worsening situation. "We are not very far from declaring a state of emergency," he said.

☐ **Singapore:** El Niño has been blamed for a thick smoky haze that has shrouded Malyasia for several weeks and killed 150 people in Indonesia. Dr Fredolin Tangang, of the National University of Malaysia, said the smoke phenomenon was not new but El Niño had aggravated it by drying out sections of Sumatra and Borneo and reversing the direction of prevailing winds.

Surf's up as California previews 'whopper of the century'

An ill wind blows the beach boys some good, writes **Giles Whittell**

A surfer ejects from a 15ft wave at Newport Beach as Hurricane Linda retreats

"IT WAS the biggest surf I've ever known," said Michael Norton, a Hollywood researcher, after missing work to ride the outer ripples of a hurricane off California's San Onofre State Beach. "The day before it was even more insane. Broken boards, snapped leashes, the whole shebang."

Two months before it is expected to strike California in earnest, the unruly force of nature known as El Niño has made its presence felt with towering breakers, early rain and tropical fish thousands of miles from their usual habitat. One Nasa scientist has called the coming storm season "the whopper of the century".

Last week winds of 215mph were measured near the heart of Hurricane Linda, the most powerful seen off Mexico. It drifted northwest, sparing California, but was rapidly followed by another hurricane that has brought flooding and property damage to long stretches of Mexico.

Though neither storm owed its genesis to the effect of El Niño, both were intensified by it and showed that "the hype was justified", according to Chris Borg, chief meteorologist for the SurfLine forecasting service.

In California, winds, rainfall and mountain snows this winter are expected to eclipse those of the last extreme El Niño season in 1982-83, when two piers and hundreds of beachfront homes were wrecked by waves and mudslides. Worldwide, 2,000 deaths and $13 billion (£8 billion) of property damage were blamed on the phenomenon that year.

Coast dwellers are bracing themselves from Malibu to San Francisco, piling up sandbags in case of flash floods as local authorities use bulldozers to build sand berms along popular beaches. Inland, Napa Valley's winegrowers have given a warning that early rains may have spoilt what they hoped would be a bumper year.

America's suffering is likely to pale beside that of other continents. The far-reaching El Niño has wreaked havoc on Central and South American coffee crops, raising prices and bringing jitters to commodities markets. On the eastern Pacific rim, where the effect is linked to drought rather than storms, it has been blamed for $130 million crop and livestock losses in New Zealand.

As one American commodities broker said last week, El Niño "might as well be called El Diablo for all the toll it takes on the world".

Michael Norton meanwhile spoke for every hedonist serious enough to put his surfing before work. "I can get fired plenty of times," he said, "but I may never know this kind of surf again."

☐ Mexico City: Hurricane Nora began to regain strength yesterday and veered north towards the Baja California peninsula, threatening half a dozen tiny islands in the Pacific. The Government posted warnings in the sparsely populated Socorro Island and nearby Revillagigedo Islands.

Flood warnings for waves and swells generated by Nora also remained in effect for hundreds of miles on the mainland, from Cabo Corrientes to Punta Maldonado. *(AP)*

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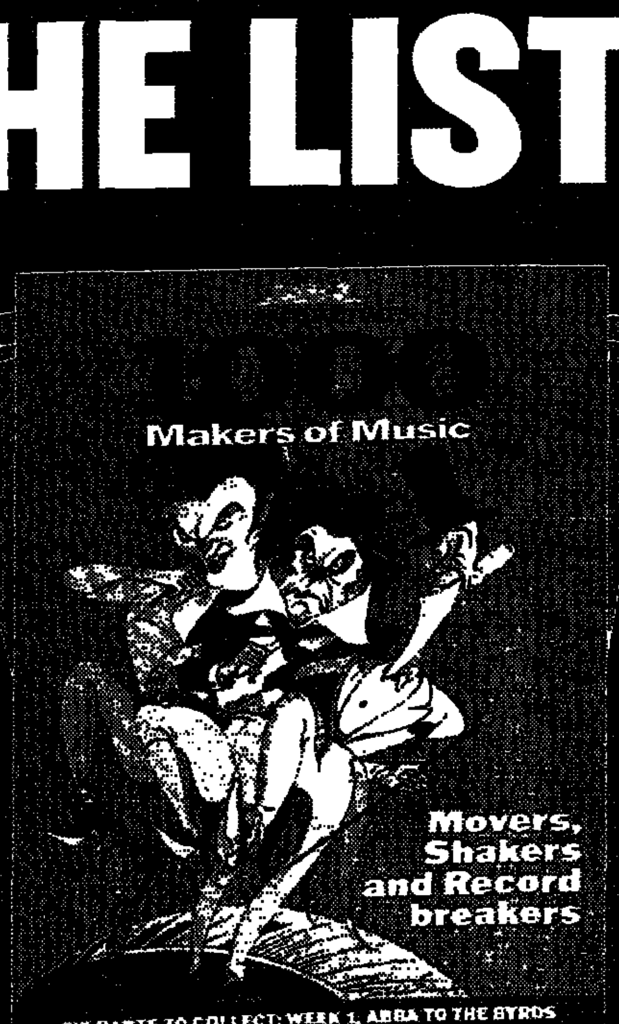
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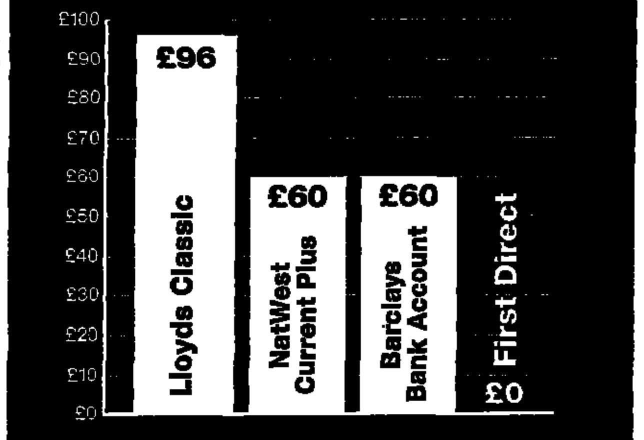

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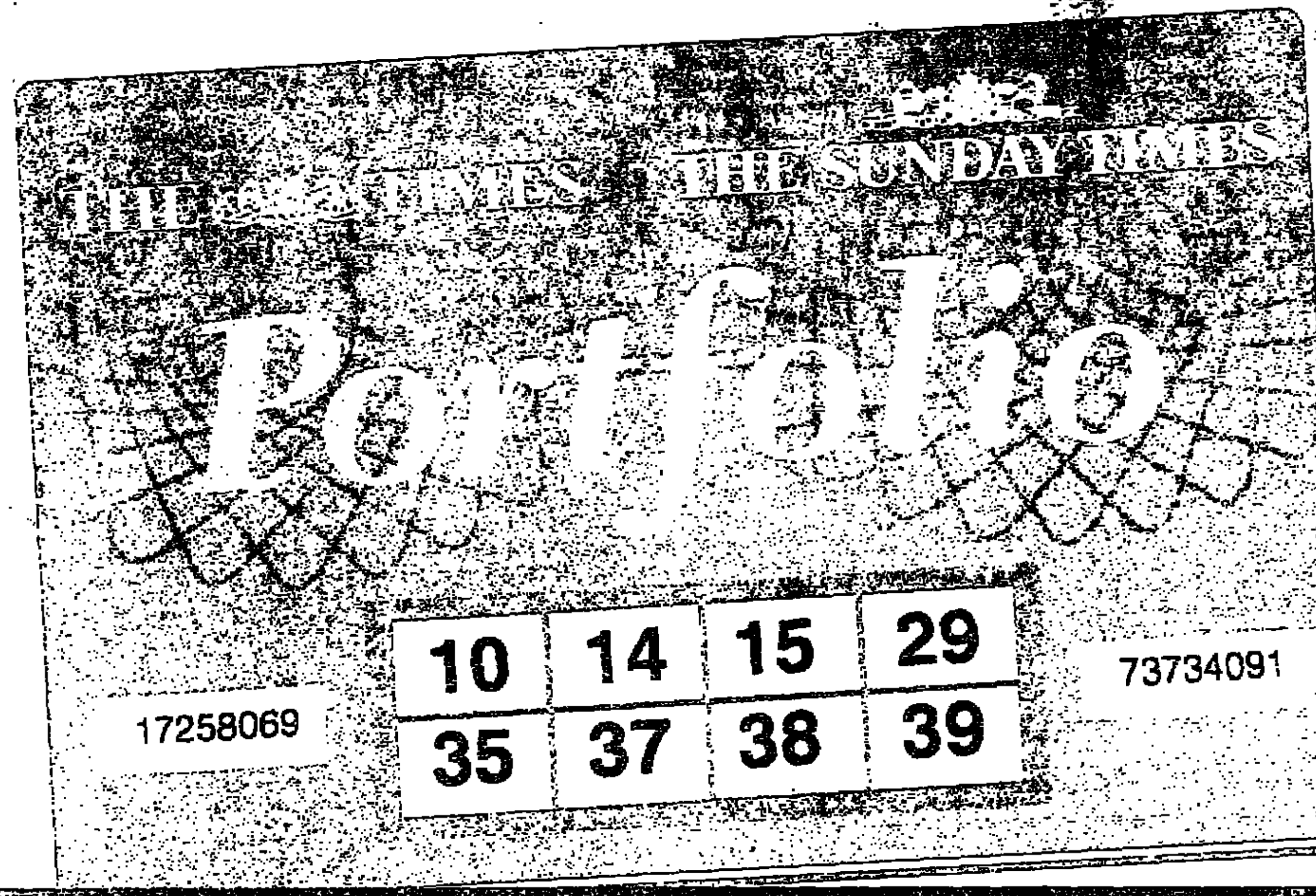

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Despite their long use, sprays based on the pesticide *Bt* have not lost their effectiveness. But environmentalists fear that may be about to change as a result of the creation of genetically engineered crop plants that incorporate the *Bt* gene

Spray on, says Greenpeace

Green pressure groups are arguing for the continued use of a pesticide spray. **Nigel Hawkes** reports

Environmentalists in the US have sprung to the defence of the spray, a agricultural technique that since the days of Rachel Carson has provided them with a favourite whipping-boy.

This time Greenpeace, the Sierra Club, the International Federation of Organic Farmers and other pressure groups are petitioning the US Environmental Protection Agency to *preserve* a spray, not to hasten its demise. Behind this *volte-face* lies the worry that biotechnologists are about to deprive organic farmers of a valued tool, all in the name of progress.

Since the 1960s, organic farmers have been spraying their crops with a pesticide derived from a soil bacterium called *Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt)*. The bacterium contains a gene that enables it to make a protein fatal to many common pests such as the corn-borer. When the pests swallow the protein, an enzyme in their digestive systems splits the protein and releases the toxin.

Though fatal to pests, Bt is benign enough — and its origins natural enough — to qualify for use even by farmers opposed to chemical sprays in general. For organic farmers it is a useful weapon, but its application outside fields and some Canadian forests has been limited. Overall, it accounts for no more than one to one and a half per cent of the insecticide market in North America.

Despite their long use, sprays based on *Bt* have not lost their effectiveness. But environmentalists fear that may be about to change as a result of genetic engineering. At least 16 companies are working on new crop plants that incorporate the *Bt* gene, meaning that the crops can make their own insecticides. Cotton, maize and potatoes containing *Bt* are already on the market. According to the environmentalists' petition, more than 20 such crops have either been approved or are awaiting approval worldwide.

The potential impact is large, both on agriculture and on the existing market for pesticides. According to one estimate, of the $8.1 billion spent every year on insecticides, nearly $2.7 billion could be replaced by *Bt* crops. In the US in 1996, more than three million acres were planted with *Bt* crops, and this year the figure is expected to reach more than 20 million acres.

The worry is that incorporating *Bt* into crops will hasten the development of resistance. Jim Lynch, Professor of Biotechnology at Surrey University, says that used as a spray, "*Bt* was the only really successful biological control agent. It has a small but worthwhile share of the market, and there was no evidence of resistance developing. If it did, farmers could always switch to a different strain. It was *all going very nicely.*"

The point about *Bt* sprays, he says, is that they are only used occasionally, so that the pests were not exposed to them for long. Once they have done their job, they degrade into harmless compounds. But the situation in *Bt* plants is very different. Instead of sporadic spraying, the plants will express the gene all the time, providing a much better opportunity for resistance to develop.

Clear signs that this is not just a theoretical danger came in March, when Professor Bruce Tabashnik of the University of Arizona and colleagues showed that the diamond-back moth can develop resistance to several strains of *Bt* by altering just a single gene. They also showed that one in a hundred of the moths already possessed the *resistance gene.*

This implied that resistance could develop far more swiftly than previously believed, and that the strategy of engineering plants to produce several toxins at once might not necessarily be helpful in delaying resistance. The first generation of *Bt* plants produce only one toxin. "The worst case scenario is that in just a few years there would be widespread resistance," Professor Tabashnik said. "The hope is that they will last at least five to 10 years."

Two strategies have been proposed to deal with the problem, says Professor Lynch. "Ecologists say we can control it by planting non-*Bt* plants around the genetically-engineered ones." These are meant to serve as areas of refuge, where populations of non-resistant *insects are maintained.* "The trouble is that it has never really been proved to work," says Profesor Lynch. The second approach comes from molecular biology. This would get around the difficulty of resistance by making plants produce the toxins only when they are attacked by pests, instead of all the time. That would reduce the selection pressure on the insects to develop resistance. Professor Lynch agrees that it is a nice idea, but says "We haven't got to the stage where we can actually do it."

The Greenpeace petition, to which the EPA has 90 days to produce an answer, suggests two further potential problems with *Bt* crops. One is that the gene will find its way into closely-related plants nearby, where it may kill insects that are not pests at all, and hasten the development of resistance by diminishing the "refuge" areas.

The second is that *Bt* plants may have unintended effects on non-target species. "The evidence is that *Bt produced by plants can kill* beneficial species such as lacewings, which feed on aphids," says Dr Doug Parr, Campaigns Centre Director for Greenpeace UK. "For some reason, this doesn't seem to happen when it is used as a spray."

But resistance, and keeping it at bay, lies at the heart of the petition. Jim Gerritson, one of the many American organic farmers who signed the petition, says "We consider the transgenic application of *Bt* to be unwise because of the high likelihood that the plants will rapidly accelerate resistance to *Bt*. Should we ever lose *Bt*, our ability as organic farmers to grow quality products will be in question."

Professor Lynch says that he thinks the petition deserves a careful hearing. "The commercial lobbies are working hard to promote *Bt* crops" he says. "And the tendency in the biotechnology business has been to rush on, saying that there's no problem.

"The balanced approach would be to look at the timing, and not to try to get too rich too quickly. If we're not careful, we could kill *Bt* stone dead, and that would put at risk a control process for which there are not many alternatives."

The EPA has has promised to *consider the petition* "very seriously". If its concerns are ignored, Greenpeace and its allies have warned that they may pursue the issue in court.

☐ Hungry birds ☐ Bubble trouble ☐ Planetary shock

Better fed than red

How do parent birds decide which of their brood to feed first? In the case of canaries, it seems, they look deeply into their open mouths and work out exactly what shade of pink they are. The redder the shade, the more desperate the chick's need for food. Dr Rebecca Kilner of the Department of Zoology at Cambridge has discovered.

Many fledgling birds have bright mouths. *While those of canaries are* pink, the dunnock's is orange, and the robin's yellow. Many explanations have been provided for the *bright colours, but Dr Kilner* set out to show that it serves as an honest signal of need. To do so, she needed to show that mouth colour does *indeed* vary with need, *and that* parents *respond to* it by giving the most food to the chicks with the reddest mouths.

She bred canaries in Cambridge and conducted a simple experiment with seven pairs of siblings. One member of each pair was fed with a rearing mix called Nectarblend through a syringe, while the other was not. After half an hour, both were placed in an artificial nest and induced to beg. As soon as they opened their mouths, pictures were taken and the colours compared. This showed that the needier chicks had significantly redder mouths. This is achieved through increasing blood flow to the mouth, which is equipped with lots of blood vessels, to create a temporary flush.

Next she checked whether redder mouths actually make the parent birds behave differently. This involved adding cochineal to the feeding mix for some chicks, deliberately altering their mouth colour, and then returning them to the nest and watching whether they were given a greater share of the food by their parents.

The results, reported in *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, showed that indeed the parents' behaviour was influenced by the colour of their chick's mouths. Chicks with redder mouths got more food. Interestingly, when both mouths were reddened, the parents simply worked harder, delivering more food to their apparently insatiable offspring. This implies that the adults respond to absolute rather than relative changes in mouth colour.

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The results do leave a few questions unanswered, however. If having a brighter mouth guarantees more food, why do nestlings not simply produce the red flush all the time? Dr Kilner suggests that doing so may be costly, because blood needs to be diverted from the gut to the mouth to create the flush. In this case, getting food and digesting it would act in opposition, ensuring that the signal remained "honest". Alternatively, there could be a direct physiological link which would prevent blood flowing to the mouth when the gut was full.

Other birds with different-coloured mouths remain a puzzle. It is hard to see how blood flow could change the colours of a yellow or an orange mouth, though experiments may yet show that to be the case.

More likely, she suggests, these bright colours simply serve as targets so that the mouth is more visible and the parents can deliver the food to the right place in a dark nest.

The fizzy wines that fail to sparkle

DRINKERS of fizzy wine know that there is a world of difference between a wine made by the *méthode champenoise*, in which the fizz is produced by fermentation in the bottle, and the cheap, nasty alternative of bubbling it in from a gas canister. Now analytical chemists from the University of Salamanca, in Spain, have found what they believe is a reliable way of supplementing the judgment of the palate with that of the mass spectrometer.

Immaculada Gonzales-Martin and her colleagues say the difference is in the ratio of carbon isotopes in the carbon dioxide which makes up the bubbles. Carbon dioxide produced by fermentation contains about 10-20 carbon-13 atoms per thousand carbon atoms, while the carbon dioxide produced industrially has up to 75 per thousand.

Chemistry in Britain reports that the team has produced a hollow "dipstick" to collect the bubbles from a bottle of wine and convey them to the mass spectrometer. They tested 24 Spanish *cavas* and found that four had suspicious carbon ratios, suggesting artificial gasification. This could enable the regulators of Spanish sparkling wines to prosecute unscrupulous producers.

Mars springs magnetic surprise

THE Mars Global Surveyor, which recently arrived at the red planet, has made a surprising discovery. It has found that Mars possesses a magnetic field which, although puny by Earth standards, is still a lot more powerful than expected. The discovery has some implications for the possible existence of life on Mars some time in the past, as a magnetic field is needed to fend off damaging cosmic rays which would otherwise sterilise the planet.

On Earth, the magnetic field is generated by movements in its *molten iron core*, which produce electric currents and hence a magnetic field. If Mars ever had such a dynamo, it long since ran down, because the planet is geologically inactive today. So why does it have a field at all?

The most plausible explanation is that the field is a remnant imprinted on rocks in Mars' crust before its dynamo wound down. Although only one 800th of the strength of the Earth's field, it is still, says Dr David Stevenson, a planetary physicist at the California Institute of Technology, "a somewhat surprising result since it's not that easy to get as large a field as the spacecraft has found".

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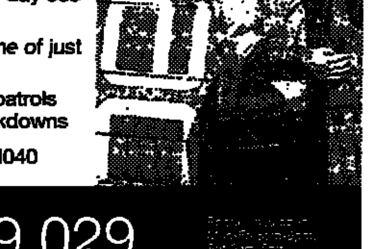

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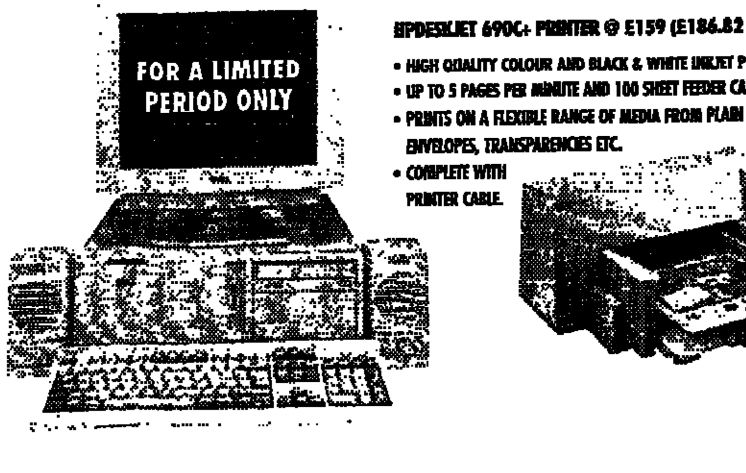

Punch and Judy, Paddy Ashdown and me . . .

As the Liberal Democrat conference opens, **Jane Bonham Carter**, who helped orchestrate the party's most successful election result for 70 years, reveals her campaign secrets

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Jane Bonham Carter (left) was a close campaign adviser to Paddy Ashdown (above)

APRIL 1
The phoney war is over and we are finally installed in our headquarters at Cowley Street. Unlike our opponents, we have had to reconfigure party headquarters to cater for the election team. We are functioning against a background of limited resources, competing with the millions of pounds spent to fund the machines of the two other parties.

The Liberal Democrat version of the other parties' Excalibur computers — high-powered electronic libraries — is a person called Candida. Many of the election team are volunteers: staff are playing out of position.

Dick Newby, whom I like and admire enormously and whose calm nature is invaluable, is in charge of external communications. He's brought with him someone rather more abrasive, but who is to prove crucial to the success of our campaign: Gavin Grant, Body Shop Director of Public Affairs, and master of the soundbite.

Our headquarters might be tightly staffed, but as Lord Holme, chair of our campaign, puts it: "We shall think lean and we shall think clean."

After two weeks dominated by sleaze we launch our first press conference in Church House with a Punch and Judy show — lead roles played by Tony Blair and John Major puppets bashing each other about. The puppet show provides for the visual needs of the media, as well as "punching" home our challenge to the other parties — namely, let's talk about positive solutions.

It also provides the late, great Vincent Hanna with an opportunity for a perfect "Hanna-ism". "Does Paddy Ashdown see himself as a string of sausages? Or perhaps he would prefer the role of crocodile? If not, perhaps a policeman?" Paddy doesn't hesitate — he sees himself as the policeman.

Lord Holme is running a highly centralised campaign with a strong central command. The main room on the first floor in Cowley Street has become the communications centre. From here, press releases, responses to events, and soundbites hammering home the core message are co-ordinated.

APRIL 2-3
Tory and Labour manifestos launched. We seem to be stuck in the polls. Particularly bad is MORI, which says we're down three points. However, we are confident that once our manifesto is launched things will get better. Richard Holme is chairing the morning press conferences, attended by many journalists, despite the appallingly early hour. He has a good, witty relationship with the press corps, and handles jokes, and deals with questions of positioning and polls. This means that spokespeople can concentrate on the issues of the day.

APRIL 4
Our manifesto launch. Feel that the week has ended on a good note and that we are getting our message across.

The Conservatives, our primary opponents, have left a litany of broken promises. The Labour Party's neurosis about providing hostages to fortune, particularly in the area of taxation, has left a welcome vacuum for us. We know from our target seat and benchmark-polling programme that what we are saying is popular. People care deeply about schooling, about the NHS, about crime on our streets, and they are willing to contemplate paying a bit more tax in order to improve services.

The magazine *Accountancy Age* has done a poll of company directors — 55 per cent say taxes should rise to pay for investment in health, education and law and order.

APRIL 6
More gloom for us from MORI, but we don't believe it. However, I'm finding it increasingly hard to ward off journalistic cynicism.

The other parties are continuing to throw mud at each other — the Tories have characterised Tony Blair as "slithering and squirming".

APRIL 7
The Liberal Democrats have a benefactor in the shape of a Mr Noon, who is supplying free curries for the duration of the election. Another kindly person is our general secretary, Graham Elson, who, discovering that I like cranberry juice, makes sure there is always a carton on my desk.

APRIL 8
We are feeling distinctly pious. The Council of Churches has launched a report today incorporating five proposals. They are all part of our manifesto.

APRIL 9
We have our first Open Circle: a small group of voters, united by a common concern, gathered together to talk to Paddy informally. Unfortunately, we learn that our Twickenham group has been infiltrated by a belligerent Richmond Tory. We decide to re-christen these events "discussion in the round", and be a little bit less "open" next time.

APRIL 10
Paddy Ashdown genuinely hates the false world of Westminster politics, and is very good when dealing with people directly. I'm not sure exactly how "direct" *Question Time* is considering the intrusive nature of cameras, lights etc, but his abilities are on show when he appears.

I stand in the wings of the studio, and he is brilliant — an approachable leader, in touch with people's lives and hopes.

APRIL 11
Europe is back on the agenda. We are potentially vulnerable to attack as Euro-luvvies. The communications centre swings into action: the Liberal Democrats are the original referendum party. As one broadcaster put it to me (after the election), we were a guerrilla force that could dart about, while the others were like the Americans in Vietnam, encumbered by having to move heavy tanks.

APRIL 12
Europe continues to be a problem for the Tories: more right-wing candidates are taking up the offer of financial help by Paul Sykes, the Yorkshire millionaire, to those who voice opposition to the single currency. For the first and last time during the campaign I beat Gavin Grant to the draw on a soundbite: Paddy's line that the Tories have "gone from cash for questions to cash for quotes" is *The Guardian*'s front-page headline.

APRIL 13
An NOP poll in *The Sunday Times* has the Liberal Democrats up five points, and we have a glowing editorial in *The Observer*. We are winning the battle of trust on the crucial issue of tax — an ITV 500 poll has 61 per cent saying Paddy Ashdown can be trusted on tax, with 36 per cent for Tony Blair and 26 per cent for John Major.

APRIL 15
Paddy on tenterhooks about his daughter, who has gone into labour. However, he relaxes enough during an interview with *The Times* to impress the editor — and bet his shirt not once, but three times, that Lib-Dem policies would prove popular with the electorate.

APRIL 16
John Cleese has said he would like to spend a day campaigning for us. We arrange for him to telephone some of our recent converts. The media is in attendance. "What was it about my election broadcast that made you switch to the Liberal Democrats?" he asks Nick from Stockport. "Nothing," comes the reply. But John later gets his own back with the next caller, a Mr Brin Dimmot. "Is your name an anagram?" he inquires. I pretend the whole thing was scripted.

APRIL 17
Paddy is mobbed in Hereford, and we are delighted to find ourselves under attack from Gordon Brown. Labour must be rattled. This has a miraculous effect on the exhaustion we are all beginning to feel.

APRIL 18
Things are getting better still. The latest Tory advert portrays Blair as Helmut Kohl's ventriloquist's doll. Time to bring back Punch and Judy? It is acknowledged that almost the only shift in public opinion since the beginning of the campaign is an improvement in our direction. Paddy and Jane go to France, weighed down with teddy bears and champagne, to meet their grandson.

Judy Major and Punch Blair

APRIL 22
Sit in on interview with George Jones and Alice Thomson for the *Daily Telegraph*, which goes very well. However, Paddy makes a strange reference to John Major being like a row of houses on the A3. This duly appears in the article and Richard Holme and I have a disagreement at the pre-press conference meeting as to the exact siting of these houses. The pressure must be getting to me — I never argue about locations, since I have no sense of direction.

Nick Clarke, on *The World At One*, asks Paddy what he meant but Paddy can't really explain himself. I don't think it will do us much electoral damage.

APRIL 23
Sudden flurry over an ICM poll that puts the Tories up, and in the running. We don't believe it.

APRIL 24
When Gavin told us today was "Take your daughter to work day", we asked Liberal Democrat candidates to bring their daughters to our press conferences. The theme was "A Fair deal for women". Candidates and party workers take their daughters out campaigning: the result — great media interest.

FINAL WEEK
We throw to the winds all caution about one-man-bands and send Paddy off in a fleet (well there were more than two) of helicopters on a whirlwind tour. Tim Razzall, in charge of the last week, metamorphoses into Tim Fish and becomes obsessed by hurricanes and hailstorms. In fact the sun shines and enthusiastic crowds greet Paddy. Supporters wave placards stating "We trust Paddy", "Invest in education", "Winning here". The Oxford rally overflows.

The day before Election Day we get an endorsement from Tom Conti. I call him to thank him after it is all over. "Forty-six MPs! Amazing what an interview can do," he says.

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A traveller in the realm of the mind

Polymath, scholar and instinctive outsider, George Steiner talks to **Jason Cowley** about risk, passion and *the decency of the English*

As a young academic with two small children George Steiner faced a life-transforming decision: accept a lucrative post at an American university and help fulfil Hitler's prophecy that, as he puts it, "no one called Steiner would *ever live in Europe*", or remain at Cambridge where he had little chance of securing tenure. A polyglot and a maverick, Steiner, a founding fellow of Churchill College, did not fit comfortably into the closed, parochial world of the Cambridge English faculty of the mid-1960s. He was too self-confident, too eclectic, not *English* enough.

His passion for work in other languages, his restless roaming across apparently incompatible disciplines and insistence on the Holocaust as the defining calamity of our century isolated him. He was offered a professorial salary, but denied the right to examine. Steiner, who as an extraordinary fellow of Churchill retains links with his college, says: "That would have been fatal: if you can't examine, if you can't join in the life of a faculty your students suffer. I wouldn't accept this."

He was determined, though, to live in Europe, to honour the moral imperative of his father who sternly told him over lunch that if he went to America, "Hitler had won".

"Later," he says, "I phoned my wife and said, 'Zara, I don't know if I can enter industry or sell clothing, but I will do anything rather than face that moment of contempt from my father again'." So Steiner, in his own self-description, became a "great wanderer", a figure on the margins, working in universities but belonging to none. It was not until his appointment, in 1972, as Professor of Comparative Literature at Geneva University that he secured a settled position.

Now 68, he describes his wife Zara — a native New Yorker of Lithuanian Jewish extraction and a former vice-president of New Hall, Cambridge — as the love of his life. Their meeting was ordained: working in London in the early 1950s (he was then a writer on the *Economist*; she on secondment at the Foreign Office) they received separate postcards from former professors at Harvard, where they had both studied, urging them "to be a sport" and meet up. "The professors had had a bet ... that we would get married if we ever met."

Steiner ignored the first postcard, but soon afterwards another arrived. He phoned Zara and they met for afternoon tea, agreeing that "we would send our own postcard after the meeting, saying, 'You lose the bet'." But at the end of our afternoon together, he turned to Zara and said: "Perhaps we should send that postcard next time."

Walking with Steiner through the grounds of Churchill College you are struck by the loneliness of his position and *how his plight as an* outsider has hurt him. His parents were elegant, cultured Viennese Jews, who, unsettled by the incipient anti-semitism in Austrian society, moved to Paris in 1924. "A systematic, doctrinal Jew-hatred seethed and stank below the glittering liberalities of Viennese culture," he writes in his new book, *Errata*, a compelling semi-autobiographical meditation.

> 'Of course, 1938 was too late. They stayed and died'

Steiner is a treasured, if trenchant and controversial, link to the central European Jewry from which sprang many of the commanding figures of our modernity — Wittgenstein, Marx, Freud, Einstein and Schoenberg. Many of his essays — a form he has made idiosyncratically his own — are elegies for that lost world. For Steiner the perplexity of our age is that the humanities did not humanise; that senior Nazis listened to Schumann and Bach and *still* organised the Final Solution: that great art may, in some way, encourage barbarism and tyranny; that to survive the levelling threat of assimilation the Jew may have to solicit disaster.

He feels he owes his existence to the fact that his father, a prosperous merchant banker, saw with "grim clairvoyance" the coming Nazi storm. He describes how his father continually warned relatives and friends of the danger of remaining in Vienna. "Nobody of your age," he says, gripping my arm, "knows what it was to grow up with a father who knew that Hitler was coming but couldn't get people to listen to him. As late as 1938, his cousins and sisters in Vienna and Prague were saying, 'Oh, come off it. We are completely safe'." Steiner pauses, lowers his head. "But, of course, 1938 was too late. They stayed and died."

Steiner was born in Paris in 1929, with a withered right *arm — an handicap, which* though he does not say so, may have given him an instinctive sympathy for the outcast. He was precocious and gifted, studying the classics as a child. He was educated at home and in the elitist French *lycee* system, where he spoke French, German and English. In 1940 the family moved to America, where Steiner attended the University of Chicago. A month after they left Paris the Nazis surged in. Of the many Jewish children in his school only two survived.

Steiner adored his parents. His mother, who often began a sentence in one language ending it in another, was, he says, a "typically delightful Viennese grand dame". He gently begins to sing, as his mother once sang to him, a charming ditty: "I am bad/I could be better/But it doesn't really matter." He looks up, his eyes watering. "I loved my parents so much that it killed the creative artist in me."

That is not strictly true: as well as criticism, Steiner has written fiction, including *The Portage to San Cristobel of AH*, in which a team of Nazi hunters discovers an aged Adolf Hitler living in exile in a Peruvian jungle. The novella was an international success; Steiner considered leaving academe and striking out as a novelist. He admires writers of extremes, solitary, unafraid individuals who step outside conventional society in search of radical self-expression. He quotes approvingly a line from I.A. Richards: "Leaping crevices in the dark/That is the way to live."

He regrets that he himself has not lived on the edge, not leapt enough crevices in the dark, not been swayed by passions. "After the success of the Hitler novel in the mid-1970s, I thought about going it alone; my only defence for not doing so was that I loved teaching. That's just an apologia."

He recalls his father's fascination with Disraeli and England. "For the eastern and central European Jewish intelligentsia, the career of Disraeli had assumed a mythical, talismanic aura." Steiner also loves England, yet remains frustrated by its philistinism, mistrust of intellectuals and cultural fatigue. "When I was *having trouble at Cambridge*, people used to say it was because they didn't want a Jew to teach English. But I don't think it was that. England has a veneer of high society anti-semitism, yet it has given Jews a tolerance, protection and ironic indifference...

"In France, where they are passionate about abstract ideas, if you shoot a man for disagreeing with you about Hegel, then that is a tremendous compliment to the life of the mind. The English would say, 'No, no, that is very silly'."

Steiner considers what he calls "the blessed decency" of John Major to be emblematically English. "That he could hand over power with a courteous handshake and smile, and then go that same afternoon to a cricket match speaks well of the man. Robespierre would not have gone to a cricket match."

Steiner speaks as he writes, long sentences of baroque grandeur. His English, with its massed adjectives and awkward syntax, but also its cloudbursts of insight, recalls Conrad. Critics are divided over his language and style, over his towering self-belief and range. Nabokov famously complained that one of his essays was "built on solid abstractions and opaque generalisations"; James Wood, writing in the *New Republic*, lamented his "laborious imprecisions and melodramas".

Steiner remains stoical. "I have many detractors; I am conscious of overwriting. On the other hand, Borges, Nabokov, Wilde, Conrad — maybe it's moving my way; maybe literature is becoming more polyglot." It is this unshakeable belief in his work that irritates his critics.

His conversation is studded with allusions, half-remembered phrases, direct quotations. He is a remarkable orator, using rhetoric, repetition and canny theatrical pauses to hold and delight an audience. At Cambridge, his lectures were always full. "I had more people in my lectures and more research students than anyone else.".

A current of sadness runs through *Errata*, sadness at what was destroyed in the Shoah, and at what Steiner has not done: the languages not learnt, the books unread, the risks (and drugs) not taken. In the final chapter, written in characteristic twilight mode, he grapples with his Judaism, with what he calls his "messianic agnosticism". For Steiner wants to establish the boundaries of knowledge — that of which we can speak — in order to make way for faith in a transcendent as well as a materialist view of the world. "My Jewishness," he says, reaching out to touch the Star of David on the cover of *Errata*, "is the badge I have worn my whole life, but not in humility or shame. If I had to wear it again, I would wear a big one and with pride."

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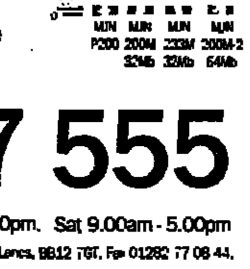

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By any comparison, ITV is a unique British success story. No where else is there a channel which makes profits for its shareholders, contributes massively in taxes to the state and makes programmes which sometimes outstrip those made by its often subsidised and tax-free rivals.

The British television programme currently most admired in the world is *Prime Suspect*, made by Granada and recently winner of its fourth successive Emmy. Then there is *World in Action*, Jimmy McGovern's *Hillsborough*, and the coverage of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, which well matched that of its prime competitor.

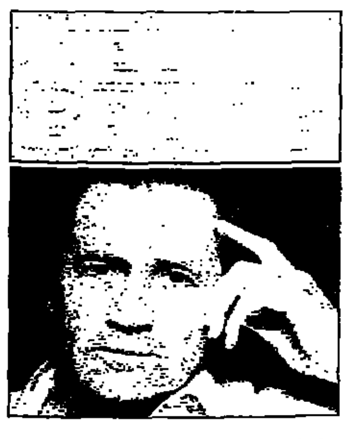
The backbone of regional television in the UK is ITV. The network wins 40 per cent of peaktime audiences. It invests — and this is very important — £420 million a year in British production and British programmes. But, according to analysts, it will be in serious trouble unless radical changes are made soon.

The problem is finance. Once upon a time there was something called the Cosy Duopoly. The BBC took public money, ITV took advertising money, and away they went to lure the best actors, writers, directors, producers and technical staffs in the country. Now we are told that the duopoly is over and all has changed.

But only half of it has changed. The BBC still retains its monopoly of public money, now approaching £1.6 billion a year. But ITV's corresponding monopoly of advertising money has been smashed to smithereens.

Channel 4 takes advertising in quantity; Channel 5 is now in the hunt; BSkyB and cable are in the same game. For the ITV stations the game has changed dramatically. But it still finds itself with the same penalties as if it were still the sole commercial outlet. ITV has to pay the Treasury £400 million a year just to broadcast. Channel 5 pays £22 million, Channel 4 nothing; satellite is out of the equation.

On a Sunday morning, while the other channels take 95 per cent of the audience with "commercial" programming, ITV is obliged to broadcast two hours of religion. A Martian would be utterly baffled as to which was the public service channel. While ITV was rich and



uniquely privileged it could be argued that there is a rough justice in tying it down to what was in effect a public service remit for a substantial proportion of its air time. But now that uniqueness has disappeared. It has legitimate competitors. Indeed, there are those who would argue that it has a new competitor in a BBC playing the commercial channels at their own game.

All the graphs now point to a decline in revenue for ITV. Graphs have been wrong before, but here they have a logic and let us assume they are giving us a clear message. What are the options? The Treasury and Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, could ignore this and say that the ITV companies are making good profits, therefore they can take the strain.

But that would not answer the case. The ITV companies have been encouraged to extend their commercial operations to make them more widely competitive. Like other companies they have to serve shareholders, and the Government is behind them on this. So far they have done that, as well as poured a lavish amount into UK production. But what happens when profits clash with programme budgets?

The ITV companies could argue that they have no public obligation to outspend BBC1 or Channel 4 on programmes of quality. *Prime Suspect*, for instance, is a costly hour of television. It is possible for ITV to spend half as much on another drama or a tenth as much on the rights to a Hollywood film and settle for the lower audience while holding up the profit. They could continue to be profitable for many years, but could they continue to be both profitable *and* produce quality programming?

It is not too difficult to make cheaper arts programmes or documentaries or news programmes or entertainment. But if that course were followed then it is certain it would have a debilitating effect on all the other channels. Why? Because since the mid-1960s it is the ITV schedule which has called the tune in direct competition with BBC1. Were one to lurch in a particular direction, the other would follow.

The simplest and best method would be to reduce this anachronistic and unfair burden on ITV as soon as possible, by reducing ITV's Treasury contribution and asking the other commercial channels to make up the difference.

The system is clearly out of kilter. The days of milk and honey are gone, and ITV will certainly fight to retain and even increase its profits, and it would be a disaster for British TV were that to be at the expense of quality programming and substantial investment in our industry. It is tricky to go in for special pleading for what is still a success. But the logic of the graphs is inexorable, and the cry of "wolf" is sometimes a real one.

Old folk got together for a family gathering

POP

Waterson Carthy

Norwich

Oasis's Gallagher brothers may love their mother dearly, but their affection stops short of singing on stage with her. That's not rock'n'roll. In folk, though, they do things differently. While rock thrives on sibling rivalry, folk opts for domestic harmony. Waterson:Carthy is its embodiment.

Waterson:Carthy is Norma Waterson, whose solo album rivalled Pulp for last year's Mercury Music Prize: Martin Carthy, her husband who, like her, has been a key figure in English folk since the 1960s; and their daughter, Eliza Carthy, a talented singer and fiddle player. Together, they have recorded two albums, the first in 1994, the second, *Common Tongue*, earlier this year.

Onstage there is much teasing and back chat, and the easy companionship of a happy family, but their performance shows no sign of cosy self-indulgence. Their set is largely a tribute to the rich history of English folk music. They do not, though, wallow in nostalgia and nationalism. Their England is a patchwork of particular places. As Waterson introduces each song, she locates it precisely — it's from Southampton, or Hull, or just up the coast from Robin Hood's Bay.

Nor do Waterson:Carthy perform these tunes as if they were precious relics. Instead, with the addition of accordionist Saul Rose, they invest them with a passionate intensity, as if the sea captains and forlorn lovers were in the Norwich Arts Centre audience. Waterson's hands carve gentle arcs in the air as her warm rasp discovers the hidden melancholy in a tune. *Eliza Carthy*, her hair dyed green and her bottom lip pierced, sways and stamps her foot as she moves between boisterous hornpipes and lilting waltzes.

Norma Waterson and her expressive hands

Meanwhile, father Martin plays the self-effacing accompanist, emerging only occasionally into the spotlight, as he does to sing the catchy *Rackabello*.

There are many fine moments in a long show. One is a rendition of *Some Old Salty*, with its memories of rocking to "Jelly Roll and Jerry Lee", but performed as a Baptist hymn by four unaccompanied voices locked in praise. Another, even finer, is *Fisher Boy*, a song about "fish and love", with its stutteringly slow guitar and violin, and with the anguished harmonies of mother and daughter — a model of Waterson:Carthy family values.

JOHN STREET

Stop the millennium dumb

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Barbican

"JIMMY CAUTY & Bill Drummond invite you to a 23-minute performance during which the next 840 days of our lives will be discussed. Tickets £10." That was the mysterious premise on which last Wednesday night's show at the Barbican Centre was sold.

Cauty and Drummond, known variously in the past as the Justified Ancients Of Mu Mu, the KLF and the K Foundation, have acquired notoriety as much for their wasteful publicity stunts, including the burning of £1 million of their own money in 1995, as for their hit records. What could they be up to this time?

Well, first there was a short, single-shot film of a brick, called *This Brick*. How very droll. Then, record company mogul Anthony Wilson gave a brief introduction in which he explained that popular music often failed to be "working class". Cue the arrival of the Williams Fairey Brass Band which, accompanied by an industrial-strength acid house rhythm track, struck up the old KLF hit *What Time Is Love?*

Cauty and Drummond, wearing pyjamas and with their trademark horns strapped to their foreheads, buzzed around the stage in motorised wheelchairs. Drummond was holding a dead swan, from which he was seen to be plucking feathers.

Meanwhile, an axe-wielding "salvationist" in a vicar's collar and gold lamé suit, and a shop steward character in a white coat with a megaphone, wandered round the stage exhorting a rapidly swelling cast of participants to greater exertions.

A male choir materialised to sing *K Sera Sera* (the K Foundation's version of the Doris Day standard) and then a placard-waving mob of striking Liverpool dockers arrived on the scene. Their slogan, which they chanted for several long minutes over the music, was "F**k the millennium — we want it now".

This pithy concept, helpfully beamed up on a screen behind the stage, stood at the heart of the performance. Indeed, when it was all over, every member of the audience was presented with a white carrier bag containing a T-shirt, poster and bumper sticker all bearing this same anti-millennium message, with instructions to "use them to the full".

As a "discussion" it was rather lacking in detail, to put it mildly. As a polemic, it all seemed curiously old-fashioned, a return to the gesture politics of the 1980s rather than a vision of the future. As a musical/theatrical presentation the strongest point in its favour was its brevity.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Did the virtuoso violinist Midori enjoy her hothouse upbringing? **Hilary Finch** finds out

The prodigy grows up

The singularly named Midori: tense, hyper-alert and constantly self-monitoring, in interview as in performance

How do you describe the art of Midori? Variously it has been called obsessively serious, the musicianship of a veteran within the body of an adolescent, and even the violinist's equivalent of bonsai in its fastidious, intensive cultivation.

But as the 25-year-old Japanese-born violinist celebrates the tenth anniversary of her London debut with the London Symphony Orchestra, the character remains calculatedly enigmatic. The surname was discarded when she was 11: the single melonliqueur of a name masking a personality with a distinctively sharp aftertaste; and a recent, mysterious two-year silence.

Midori is learning to survive. Surviving, against all odds, being handed a violin at the age of four by an ambitious violin-teacher mother; surviving early entrance to the Dorothy Delaye violin-teaching hothouse at the Juilliard School; surviving being spotted and championed by the likes of Zubin Mehta; surviving a full calendar of high-profile engagements from the age of 13.

In interview, Midori's antennae quiver. She is tense, hyper-alert, constantly self-monitoring. She insists on the presence of a minder. Her answers are business-like, crisp, astute, only obliquely revealing. What did it feel like landing in New York at 11 with no English? "I really don't remember. Aspen was beautiful . . . the mountains . . ."

Did she feel isolated? Did she have to pick up language and social skills by osmosis? "Yes. That was probably what happened. Most of all I had to discover how to learn repertoire really fast. I was bringing to my lessons a concerto per week. Yeah, that was different." *Different?* "To play through a concerto every week is great practice."

Would she have had it any other way? "I don't know about that. I don't have any regrets, if that's what you mean. I just felt there was never enough time. The most difficult thing was learning how to say no graciously. And I had to figure that out for myself. Yes, there were difficult times. But I've always accepted that as part of life. Things come and go. It's helpful to know that."

One of the reasons there is never enough time is that Midori bites voraciously on life. While her colleagues drink, party, celebrate after a concert, Midori will be returning to her room to study. Not the next concerto but, in all likelihood, the declensions of Old High German, or the relationship betwen apartheid and children in South Africa. Three years ago, she became a part-time student of New York University, reading for a Bachelors degree, and taking two courses per semester. "I study mainly in the spring and the fall. It grounds me. Really calms me down. Y'know, one of my dogs is called Willa, after my favourite American author, Willa Cather . . ."

And just in case a vacant half-minute should occur in her life, Midori has set up a charitable educational foundation called Midori and Friends. She is happier talking about this, it seems, than anything else. "I wanted desperately to share what had meant so much to me. Growing up in New York, I knew that many schools no longer had any music programme at all. Through music, my own eyes were opened to literature, history, geography. I don't aim to make professional musicians out of these children, but simply to open more doors to them."

Each school receives a series of five concert-presentations, backed up by advance material and follow-up workshops. The foundation, now a $500,000 operation with a full-time, handpicked staff, is supported by both corporate and charitable backers, and now reaches 22 schools in all five New York boroughs. The work is clearly a two-way process. "I can only share," says Midori, "when I am accepted by the person I am trying to share with. These children accept me as a friend, accept my music."

It is above all the quality of communication which she looks forward to in her forthcoming London concert. "Sir Colin Davis is a person of total honesty and sincerity. And the sense of spontaneity and freedom he brings to music-making is supported by such a strong musical intellect. This has an enormous effect on the way I perform. I'm often called a perfectionist. But I don't see myself that way. I'm very demanding of myself, yes. I'm very ambitious. I simply try to do the best I can — which at any time is, of course, not the best I can *ever* do."

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A Lib-Lab pact would be disaster

Conrad Russell on why his party must not enter a coalition

When the Liberal Democrats meet at Eastbourne today, we meet as the biggest third party in Europe, as the biggest third party at Westminster since 1929, and as the second party in local government. We meet united on policy to an extent remarkable in our party, let alone the other two.

Why, then, are we facing a series of anxious questions, as well as trumpeting our successes? The answer is Tony Blair, the Hale-Bopp of British politics, streaming across the heavens while everyone asks questions about him. Is he a Socialist? Is he a Liberal? Is he a Conservative? Is he a Christian autocrat? Much hangs on the answers and after five months, all answers are a form of betting. After five months in power, I thought Harold Wilson was going to lead a great reforming administration.

Time will answer these questions, and we must hedge our bets till it does. Meanwhile, we need to trust each other and put over an excellent set of policies. We have earned confidence in ourselves. We have grown in 40 years from the Rutland to the Scotland of British politics, and a stubborn, bloody-minded sense of our own identity is part of our *survival kit*. We are not going to give it up. We will not go into an electoral pact: we cannot deliver our voters, let alone our activists. We will not go into a coalition on the basis of Mr Blair's present policies even if our leaders recommend it. Whether we might do so on the basis of any different policies is a hypothetical question which we do not need to answer now.

As it happens, Paddy Ashdown has come up with the perfect formula for our relations with the Government, that of issue-based co-operation. We co-operate where we agree, and oppose where we do not. Time will show how that formula will develop. We do not need to answer the question now. An attempt to take us further, if skilfully made, would split the party as completely as Lloyd George did in 1918. If it were unskilfully made, half a dozen people would go by themselves and leave the party behind them.

Our sense of our own identity rests on the very distinct party philosophy, which can be traced back to Mill and Locke. Our central concern is to try to control the abuse of power: the association of Liberalism and liberty is more than a wordplay. For that reason, when we use words like "left-wing", we do not mean the same thing as Labour. Back in 1968, when the first Wilson Government was falling apart, Roy Jenkins appeared to me to be the most left-wing member of the Government. It was not a view widely shared in the Labour Party.

We do not see in Labour, old or new, any dedication to controlling the arrogance of power. When Peter Mandelson denounced Martha Kearney for not asking him the questions he wanted, we heard the voice of Brian Mawhinney. Tony Blair's Church House speech to the new Labour MPs did not suggest that the need to control the executive had a prominent place in their mission statement.

Our concern is also the spirit in which power is exercised. Constitutional reform, however welcome, is not enough: power must be exercised with humility. We hold to Mill's principle that people are normally the best judges of their own interests: "Whatever crushes individuality is despotism, by whatever name it may be called." Government may not say, like the doctors who took part in the Swedish sterilisation programme: "But it was meant for their good." That is the good intention that paves the road to hell. We hear no awareness of this in Mr Blair's words in his *Big Issue* article: "It is right to be intolerant of people homeless on the street."

Our desire to fight poverty is part and parcel of our desire to control aggression. There is a near-unanimous agreement among historians that we were never the free-market party caricatured by our opponents.

Even Mill went out of his way to say that since trade was a social act, his principle of liberty was entirely independent of his belief in free-market economics. In fact, if we think in terms of politics and not economics, there is more consistency in our 19th-century economic record than is often supposed. Our invocations of free-market theory (such as our attack on the Corn Laws) and our defences of State intervention (like regulation of health and safety at work) both rested on a common foundation of dislike of monopoly of economic power. Our cause is not minimum government: it is minimum oppression.

We do not believe that cause can be pursued within Conservative spending limits, which Kenneth Clarke told Malcolm Bruce were "for the birds". To take a few examples, so long as this Government does not restore the cut in benefit for single parents, or ends the disentitlement to benefit of asylum seekers and 16- and 17-year-olds, we cannot believe it stands for minimum oppression. Liberal Democrats cannot be asked to stand up and defend such measures.

We believe State intervention may create liberty, as well as diminishing it. For example, controlling air pollution by cars will defend the liberty to breathe — which even Hobbes thought a necessary liberty. Yet the State cannot do this without providing alternative methods of travel, and making those methods safe. It will never do it within Conservative spending limits. Liberty is not aided by the sort of Labour discipline which led to a woman being disentitled to jobseekers' allowance because she was not "actively seeking work" when she had spent the week attending her husband's deathbed. We hear nothing of any change in this policy from Labour. Until they do, we cannot believe they aim at minimum oppression. Gordon Brown, by adopting Mr Clarke's spending limits, proved he was right that they were for the birds — Hitchcock's birds.

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A wafer-thin majority was a reminder that referendum electorates can never be taken for granted

The Welsh deliver a lesson in mortality

William Rees-Mogg

The Welsh referendum result is an historic event, not just for Wales, but for the United Kingdom as a whole. For Wales it means that there will be an assembly, but one which will remain part of the constitutional structure of the United Kingdom. With such a narrow majority on such a low poll, there is no momentum towards independence, whatever may be true in Scotland. For Britain, it is a failure for the project of constitutional "modernisation", which would have followed devolution in Scotland and Wales with the partition of England, the adoption of the German system of proportional election, and integration within Europe.

The drop in support in Wales for an assembly was astonishing. In May, the three left-of-centre parties won roughly 80 per cent of the vote; in September they campaigned together for a "yes" vote on devolution, and could obtain only 50 per cent of the votes on a much smaller turnout. Their actual vote in Wales fell by half. This was not the result of any brilliant Conservative campaign; by a strategic misjudgment, the Conservatives put most of their campaign effort into Scotland, where they were bound to lose. Their campaign in Wales was relatively feeble, where they might have won.

The Welsh result means that Tony Blair cannot rely on further referendums to give him the answers that he would like. Presumably the Government will still win the referendum on a mayor for London, because Londoners probably do want to have their own mayor. Labour will not, however, win that referendum merely by appealing to party loyalty. No one can yet tell what the result of a referendum on a single currency would be. As the result would be unpredictable, Mr Blair cannot allow Gordon Brown to go too far; a decision to join the euro which was repudiated in a referendum is one of the things that could destroy the Government. It has become too risky.

The Welsh vote also makes it much harder, if not impossible, to break up England into regional assemblies. If an assembly cannot win a reasonable majority in Wales, which is a nation, nobody can rely on winning a majority in the East or West Midlands, which certainly are not nations. The English regional project would be difficult enough in any case. The people of Cornwall do not want to be governed from Bristol, nor does Manchester or Liverpool want to be governed from the other city.

The electoral reform proposal is also much more difficult after the Welsh result. If, as will be the case of the Scottish parliament, the United Kingdom Parliament had been elected since the war on the German system, the Liberals would have decided which of the major parties formed the Government after almost every election since 1950; of course, the election results would not have been the same. There would never have been a Thatcher Government, and Britain would probably still have the high tax, large public sector, low productivity economy that we had in 1979. In Germany itself, it is far harder to make political and economic changes than it is in Britain.

English nationalists have come to fear that England is about to be destroyed as a nation, with the Labour Party pushing through the full constitutional agenda of the Liberal Democrats. That agenda includes devolution for Scotland and Wales, regional devolution for England, a proportional electoral system, joining the single currency, and ultimately a federal European state in which Scotland, Wales and the English regions would enjoy approximately equal status to the German Länder as subordinate regions of Europe.

This is the full "modernisation" project. English nationalism is seen as an obstacle, and is therefore to be destroyed, in favour of a new European patriotism, though Scottish and Welsh nationalism would still be encouraged. The more consistent of these modernisers also want to abolish the monarchy, since the Crown is a focus of loyalty for the English as well as for the United Kingdom.

One cannot say that this project has disappeared because of the narrowness of the Welsh vote, though it has been made much harder to achieve. Except for the abolition of the monarchy, it remains the official policy of the Liberal Party, but depends for success entirely on the Labour Party.

It cannot happen unless Tony Blair backs it. As it involves a radical transfer of political power from the Labour Government to the Liberals on the one hand, and to Brussels on the other, it has always been possible that Mr Blair's instinct of self preservation would save him from it.

Yet Mr Blair is, in the language of the fund management world, a "momentum player". He piles into the policies which are going up, and has maintained the momentum of new Labour with remarkable skill. The Welsh have now halted the momentum of constitutional reform. The reform policy depended on winning referendums. The Welsh have taught Tony Blair that he cannot take the referendum electorates for granted: at the height of his power, they have whispered in his ear that new Labour's political career is only mortal.

The English and the Welsh nations will now jog along together for another generation, perhaps another century, perhaps another millennium. British politics have been linked together, off and on, for nearly 2,000 years already. In Nero's time the Roman general who subdued Wales, Suetonius Paulinus, also defeated the British Queen Boadicea. Tacitus describes the final Welsh resistance on the Isle of Anglesey. "The Roman infantry crossed on flat-bottom boats, because the sea is shallow; the cavalry followed by the ford, swimming when the sea was high. The Welsh Army was lined up thickly on the shore, well armed; the women were running through the ranks of the men, in their mourning clothes, with their hair falling about their ears, and carrying burning torches, like the furies out of hell. The Druids lifted up their hands to heaven and poured out curses." Thus, the ancestors of Lloyd George lost their liberties to the ancestors of Garibaldi.

The Welsh are still a small nation, and, as the referendum vote showed, a divided one. Their population is only a 20th of the United Kingdom as a whole. The sense of Welsh national identity has been preserved in culture and language, rather than in law or politics. The culture is spiritual as well as aesthetic; the Welsh are a singing people whose songs have often also been prayers. They are now much mixed with the English, just as the English are themselves a mixed people, with many mainly Celtic families among them.

The referendum shows that Wales does not divide, as had been supposed between north and south, so much as between east and west, between those people who live close to England and those who live further away. Complete separation from England would be artificial, and would damage both nations.

Nevertheless, they are two nations. Welshness is a reality which has to be respected. The Welsh assembly ought to have more power rather than less, particularly in the cultural area. As has been suggested, the assembly ought to have power to regulate the terrestrial broadcasting channels. HTV, half Cardiff, half Bristol, is an unfortunate hybrid; BBC Wales should be given independent status, as should BBC Scotland, while continuing to draw on BBC resources. For Wales it is the culture that matters most, and the Welsh assembly can contribute to its preservation.

Little brother is watching you

Ashdown is central to the success of Blair's reforms, says **Peter Riddell**

Paddy Ashdown needs the friendly hand of Tony Blair far more in the short-term than Labour needs the support of the Liberal Democrats. But, in the long-term, Mr Ashdown and his party could be central to Mr Blair's attempt to reshape the centre-left of British politics. That is why Mr Ashdown is so excited, and so impatient with the doubters in his own party — some of whom were already surfacing in Eastbourne yesterday at the start of the Lib Dem conference.

Mr Ashdown is right to argue that British politics is in a state of metamorphosis. Or, to use a metaphor more suited to his brisk, military style of leadership, a great game is afoot — and he is determined that the Lib Dems should be players in it.

The terms of that game are being determined by Mr Blair, but much remains opaque. His aim is to recreate the broad progressive alliance which sustained the reforms of the pre-First World War Liberal Government. As Roy Jenkins, Lib Dem leader in the Lords and a Blair mentor, said in *The Observer* of the Prime Minister: "One of his strongest desires is to heal the split on the centre-left which has existed since 1914 and made the 20th century overwhelmingly a Tory century in a way the 19th century was not, and the 21st century need not be." But how?

At one level, this means the kind of one-nation, big-tent inclusiveness which has been Mr Blair's hallmark — seeking to maximise public support by involving businessmen and others not associated with old Labour. The same spirit saw Mr Blair promise legislation on a proportional system of elections to the European Parliament and, boldest of all, to set up a consultative Cabinet committee with senior Lib Dems, which met for the first time last week.

Mr Ashdown is engaged in a delicate balancing act, which he has called "constructive opposition". This means co-operating with Labour where there is agreement, as on most of the constitutional reform agenda, but robustly opposing the Government where there is disagreement, as over the level of spending on education and the NHS.

Such criticism has already led to muttering about "responsibility and consistency" from Labour machine men like Peter Mandelson. The real issue is one of tone, avoiding the sanctimonious attitude of many Liberal Democrats which so infuriates Mr Blair. Mr Ashdown used to be guilty, but has been notably restrained in his comments about Labour since May 1.

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Some Blair allies see co-operation as a means of ensuring Lib Dem support for the Government at times of unpopularity, and possibly also as the basis for a more formal alliance after the next election. That is the precisely the fear of many Lib Dems, particularly those fighting Labour in the big cities of the North, who point to how the old Liberal Party suffered in 1979 from the Lib-Lab pact of 20 years ago. But it is an illusion to pretend that the Lib Dems can ever gain from being hostile to Labour. If the Blair Government does badly, so will the Lib Dems.

However, unlike 1977-78, Mr Ashdown can already point to lasting gains from co-operation with Labour. The proposals for a PR system of elections to the new legislatures in Scotland and Wales, and for the European elections, virtually guarantee a larger Lib Dem representation. Moreover, as Lord Jenkins of Hillhead has said, the two parties will have to work together in a coalition in Edinburgh to ensure a coherent majority. I believe the promise of PR, avoiding a permanent Labour majority, was crucial to the success of the "yes" vote. Labour leaders in Scotland are already talking about introducing PR in local government there.

Important though these changes are, they are merely a preliminary to the big question: PR for Westminster. Mr Blair has promised a commission (to be set up soon) to produce a proportional alternative to first-past-the-post in a choice to be put to voters later in the parliament. Mr Blair is himself famously "not persuaded" of PR and Labour is deeply divided on the issue.

Mr Blair has to decide what his talk of a pluralist, non-tribal style of politics really means. Is he envisaging a reshaping of the boundaries of "new" Labour to include sympathetic Lib Dems and possibly also some pro-European Tories, and shedding some socialist fundamentalists in the process? Or is he prepared to make the leap, via electoral reform, to a multi-party style of politics?

Richard Holme, the Lib Dems' most acute strategist, summed up the choice in his *Reformer* lecture last night: the challenge for Mr Blair and his colleagues is whether they "sincerely believe in pluralism, or do you want to create a new Labour hegemony?" Is it sharing of power or a takeover? Several of Mr Blair's allies remain tribalists, even authoritarians, by temperament and favour the latter. They anyway argue that the two parties have converged on big policy issues.

As Conrad Russell argues on this page, the Lib Dems do have a separate identity and roots. They have made a distinctive contribution on constitutional reform and issues of civil liberty which has enriched British politics. But, as some Lib Dem MPs will show this week, there is a risk of sounding "purer than thou" in an effort to place themselves to the left of Mr Blair. Yet Lib Dems have to accept the consequences of their desire for electoral reform. As Lord Holme argued, "anyone who campaigns for PR but rules out coalition in any circumstances is suffering from a serious logic deficit".

This week's conference will show how far the Lib Dems are willing to share their leader's determination to be bold. There are obvious risks and pitfalls. Tribal and adversarial instincts run deep. But the potential prizes are huge. Mr Blair and Mr Ashdown have the chance to keep the Tories out of office for a very long time.

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Red revolution

TONY Blair's determination to ditch Labour's red image has gone too far: red boxes, in which ministers have transported documents relating to matters of State for more than 250 years, are on the verge of being abolished.

They are to be replaced by sturdy black crates. "Labour ministers travel on trains far more than Conservatives, who used to be chauffeured," explains a senior Labour source. "The red boxes are too easily identified, which poses a security risk."

While senior civil servants are said to be enraged at the abolition, sentiment counts for little with modern ministers. "No convention is safe from reform," says one. "We don't see these boxes as being historically important: we just open them wearily at the end of the day knowing we've got to read the contents by morning." Steven Norris, a minister in the last Government, once referred to his as "an extraordinarily effective contraceptive pill".

The rot set in with David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, who found the regulation cases too small for his bulky braille documents, so lobbied successfully for a more capacious design.

Perhaps it is just as well. In his *Diaries* Alan Clark described a train journey down to Folkestone where he made the aquaintance of a "plump young lady" whose "delightful globes bounced prominently". Afterwards he asked: "Am I crazy? Death wish? Above us in the luggage rack the red box gleamed like a beacon."

CHILD CRIME — PARENTS TO BE RESPONSIBLE
Geoff Thomson

"When did you last see your father?"

Focused

A FURTHER reading from *The Dean's Diaries*, by the Rev Trevor Beeson, Dean of Winchester. Having dealt with the Duchess of York, he now turns to Diana, Princess of Wales, whom he remembers escorting after a service at Westminster Abbey.

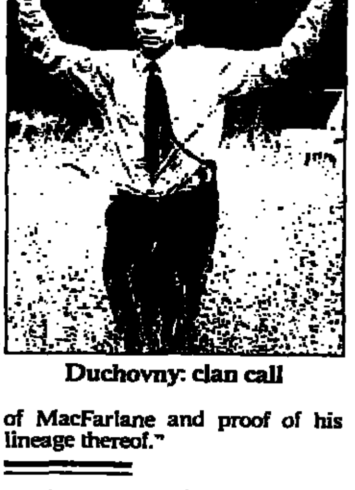
"The press were there in full force and I was amazed by all the clicking of cameras," he writes. "I asked her if this bothered her." At which the Princess replied, "I would be much more worried if they were not interested."

● *An embarrassed silence pervades the set of the Australian TV programme* A Current Affair, *where the car crash which killed Diana, Princess of Wales, is being reconstructed. Driving an E-class Mercedes at speeds of 120mph proved too much for even the most sober of stuntmen: barely had they left the studio than it ricocheted out of control, narrowly missing the head cameraman.*

Agent MacX

AFTER two centuries of exile and disgrace, the MacFarlane clan is looking to an American film star to clear its tarnished name. The clan, based in America after being banished from Scotland in the 18th century for cattle-rustling, has heralded David Duchovny, alias Agent Mulder of the *X Files*, as its new chief. "Our quest was to find someone of proper lineage," says Richard Miller, the president of the MacFarlane Society in North Kentucky. "Someone who was commanding."

Back on the grouse moors, the mood is circumspect. "We've had endless pretenders to the lost chiefdom," says the Lord Lyon, Sir Malcolm Innes. "I look forward to receiving his Undifferenced Arms of MacFarlane and proof of his lineage thereof."



Duchovny: clan call

Pint sighs

PITY a Mr Ad'Obe Obe, who is organising the Commonwealth Conference, *Africa at 40*, in London next month. Not much to celebrate, one might imagine, with famine, civil war and uncontrollable crime ravaging much of the continent. But delegates have been cheered by Guinness, which is sending over 2,000 bottles brewed at its Lagos plant. "Muslims drink it back home because they refuse to accept it contains any alcohol," enthuses Mr Obe.

Shrink rap

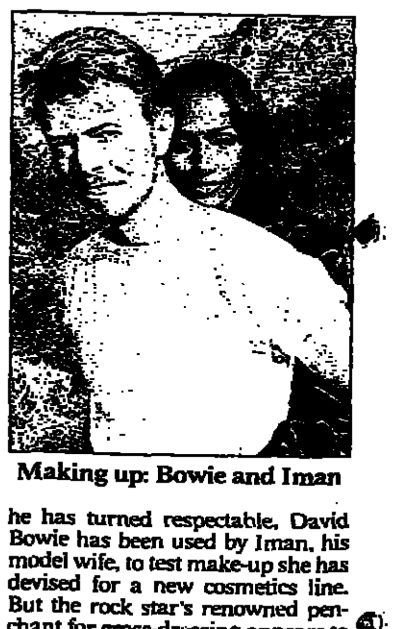
GLOOM and despair blight the horizon of beleaguered "Wee Willy" Hague, who is said to be verging on a major identity crisis. According to the psychologist Oliver James, the Tory leader "lacks a sense of authentic self" and should book a session on his couch.

"It's very odd to address a party conference aged 16," says James, who once reduced Peter Mandelson to tears. "He wanted to be a crowd-pleaser, not an adolescent. The attacks on his leadership tell him he is not coming up to the standards he set himself at an early age." This could be one of politics' shorter careers. "He will suffer a collapse in his levels of serotonin," opines James. "It happened to John Major after Black Wednesday and he was deeply miserable during the rest of his leadership."

Testing times

JUST as he was convincing us that he has turned respectable, David Bowie has been used by Iman, his model wife, to test make-up she has devised for a new cosmetics line. But the rock star's renowned penchant for cross-dressing appears to have paled.

"David doesn't wear much make-up any more, save for a little mascara and eyeshadow," says his wife. "There isn't even a feather boa in his cupboard."



Making up: Bowie and Iman

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CROWDED AT THE CENTRE

Liberal Democrats struggle to remain distinctive

This week in Eastbourne, Liberal Democrats gathering for their party conference will claim to have much to cheer. In May, they more than doubled their parliamentary representation to 46 MPs; and despite holding just a tenth of Labour's seats, they have won a chance to shape the Government's constitutional reform programme through the joint Labour/Liberal Democrat cabinet committee. Yet party members' outward exuberance masks a deeper disquiet. Is their leader flying, like Icarus, too close to the Labour Party's sun? Will the party find its support melting away if it cooperates too closely with the Government?

Despite winning many more seats in the last election, the Lib Dems saw their share of the vote fall, as it has in every election since 1983. The party may now be better at targeting winnable seats. And the electorate is becoming increasingly adept at tactical voting. But, with a Government already enacting almost all the policies for which the centre party has traditionally stood, there must be a danger that its voters will defect *en masse* to Labour at the next election.

As well as their small core of supporters, the Lib Dems could in the past count on votes from two sources: disaffected Tories who dared not make the leap straight across to Labour; and those who wanted the Lib Dems to act as a moderating force on Labour in Government. But now that the party is attacking Labour from the Left, it cannot for much longer be seen as the less radical option. And now that Tony Blair is running an extremely moderate administration, there seems no need for the Lib Dems to act as a restraining force upon him.

If anything, the "centre" party is urging him to throw off restraint. The Lib Dems want Labour to raise taxes and to spend more on the public services. The party that used to be proud of backing policies that were unpopular but right is now criticising Labour for replacing student grants with loans — the first hard policy decision that Mr Blair has had to take. Far from moderating the Government, the Lib Dems see themselves as the "conscience" of the Labour Party, a sort of corporate Tony Benn.

As the centre ground has been occupied by Labour, it is understandable why the Liberal Democrats have lurched to the Left to remain distinctive. But it is harder to see how this will win votes. Will working-class northerners, dismayed by Mr Blair's lack of socialism, really embrace Paddy Ashdown instead? This is unlikely, not only because of the tribal nature of left-wing politics, but also because the Lib Dems' views are already represented in the Labour Party. It is just that, with the discipline now exerted on dissident Labour MPs, they are rarely heard in public.

Moreover, many of the differences between the two parties may have been narrowed by the time of the next election. After two years of spending restraint, Gordon Brown is likely to put more money into education and health, and may be able to do so without raising taxes. Jack Straw may turn out to be less cavalier with civil liberties than the Liberal Democrats fear. On the environment, ministers could adopt a greener agenda; and on Europe, they could call a referendum on the single currency. What then would divide the two parties?

Electoral reform is still a sticking point (although advocates of proportional representation are sprinkled throughout the Government). But there is every chance of a referendum on the subject before this Parliament is out. Winning that poll represents the best chance for the Liberal Democrats to retain an identity. Under the first-past-the-post system, which favours big parties and penalises the small, there may be little rationale for the Lib Dems' continued separate existence.

PANGLOSS IN HONG KONG

World finance ministers can feel satisfied, but not complacent

Finance ministers and central bankers are paid to worry: about inflation, recession, unemployment, financial crises and disappointing growth. They could be forgiven, nevertheless, for the hint of self-satisfaction evident this weekend at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Hong Kong. Most parts of the world economy are in better shape today than they have been at any time since the 1973 oil crisis. America, Britain, China, Latin America and central Europe are all enjoying robust growth, accompanied by moderate inflation and increasingly abundant jobs. There are serious difficulties in western Europe, Japan and South-East Asia, as well as in the perennial laggard regions of the world economy: Africa and the former Soviet states. But even these troubled countries show signs of hope, or at least of greater clarity about what needs to be done.

In Europe, by far the biggest of the underperforming regions, the single currency project is at last approaching its denouement. While the concept of tying together economies as diverse as Germany and Portugal in one monetary straitjacket remains as misconceived as ever, the worst of the short-term damage resulting from the EMU launch is probably now behind. The apparent willingness to accept Italy, Spain and Portugal as founder members of the single currency may store up serious trouble for the future. But, in the short term, the resolution of EMU uncertainties must be good news. If interest rates throughout Europe now converge towards the very low levels in Germany and France, as the IMF suggests, this should provide a powerful boost to economic activity in countries like Italy, Spain and Ireland. More importantly, the end of the single currency debate may help to concentrate the minds of European politicians on issues such as labour flexibility and financial deregulation, which have been overwhelmed by the EMU obsession.

The outlook for South-East Asia may also be less gloomy than a cursory reading of recent news and statistics suggests. While the wounded "tiger" economies are bound to need a period of convalescence after their recent devaluations and stockmarket crises, their prospects for long-run growth remain unimpaired. The crises could even benefit the region in the long run by forcing governments to reassess extravagant infrastructure projects and by exposing the political cronyism endemic in many of their financial practices. Significantly the other Asian leaders in Hong Kong went out of their way to dissociate themselves from the campaign run by Mahathir Mohamad, the Malaysian Prime Minister, to try to blame the region's troubles on the "immoral" forces of world capitalism and the West's "unscrupulous profiteers". In Russia, too, and in parts of Africa, politicians seem to be showing a better understanding of the way free markets operate and of the long-run benefits they can bring.

What, then, are the main clouds on the economic horizon? In the most successful economies — America and Britain — growth seems to be approaching its non-inflationary limits (although it has not yet reached them), while financial markets are booming. In Japan, by contrast, the economy is slipping back into its six-year long depression while shares still stand at less than half their value at the 1989 peak. In Europe, there is the ever-present danger that inflexibility and regulation will turn the single currency experiment into a disaster. The view from Hong Kong may look rosy but, thinking ahead to the next IMF annual meeting, there should be plenty for finance ministers to worry about.

AQUATIC MELODRAMA

In the Amazon careless oars catch worse things than a crab

The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race up the Amazon was bound to be a piece of theatre of the old Empire. It was billed to be as exotic as *The Flying Dutchman* sung in the Manaus Opera House. But for both Oxford and Cambridge to sink set a world record for aquatic melodrama. As we report today, waves created by the flotilla of following spectators swamped both British eights, and the race was won by the Amazonian crew.

The Amazon is the largest and wildest river of the imagination. Beside it, the Thames is a trickle. The careless oar can catch worse things than a crab in the Amazon. The cox of the winning crew might well have objected to being thrown in after the race, even though it has to be admitted that the Thames contains urban perils quite as noxious as piranhas and mosquitos. Even on the Thames, Oxford and Cambridge have each sunk three times, though never before in the same race. And in 1984 the Cambridge cox steered flat out into a moored barge under Putney Bridge, thus wrecking the boat and causing the race to be rowed on a Sunday for the first time. At least up the Amazon course there are no bridges or bends for the strategists to worry about.

But in spite of yesterday's fiasco, the Boat Race still demonstrated the qualities that have made it Britain's strangest tribal ritual. This most popular sporting contest goes back to the age when half the rainbow-coloured world was ruled by Blues. Its result is usually clear long before the finish, but seldom so long before as yesterday. When they rowed it on the Nile, the race was won by a short head by a dead camel. Boatmen on the Amazon look where they are going, rather than rowing blindly backwards on a craft flimsier than a canoe. And they prefer to row downstream rather than on the flowing tide.

But the huge crowd yesterday caught the magic of a remarkable event. Far less than one per cent of the United Kingdom has attended Oxford or Cambridge as undergraduates. And of those only one in ten has pulled an oar for pleasure. But the old race on the Thames tideway attracts national and international partisanship in its annual river party.

So the Boat Race up the Amazon has spread the British invention of play taken in deadly earnest. And it has given a good example of stiff upper lips in the soup and congratulations when the home side wins. Up the Amazon at Manaus not many spectators can yet have had a personal affiliation with light or dark blue. But most of them will have understood the hard work involved. Rowing the Boat Race is equivalent to lifting 56lb from feet to neck 34 times a minute — for 20 minutes or until the boat sinks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Party responds to Clark's concerns

From Mr Michael Trend, MP, Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party

Sir, Alan Clark's letter (September 20) about the ballot of the Conservative Party's membership suggests that the linking together of endorsement for William Hague and for his principles of reform is like asking voters to sign a blank cheque. This is wrong in two important respects.

First, William Hague has made it clear that his leadership is indivisible from the principles on which he believes the party must reform. He has explicitly told the party as a whole to "back me, or sack me". William Hague does not believe he can modernise the party unless he has a mandate to take forward reforms based on the principles he has proposed.

Second, the principles are not confined merely to six words: unity, democracy, decentralisation, involvement, integrity and openness. In a series of speeches that the party leader is currently making to members around the country, and in the leaflet which was enclosed with every ballot paper, he is adding greater breadth to his ideas. For example, he has said that we will no longer accept foreign money and will publish the names of major donors.

But it would be wrong to go further than this at the moment. As Lord Parkinson, the party chairman, has recently made clear in a letter to all party associations, we are only at the very start of reform. This ballot is the first of many stages in the process; what is being sought now is the party's consent to move forward to the next stage. There will be substantial opportunity for debate at the party conference next month, followed by the widest consultation throughout the party. Then, and only then, when all the many issues have been gone over in detail, will decisions be made — and by the party as a whole.

Conservatives have no need, as has Labour, to obscure traditional principles. We have a clear, consistent and enduring set of beliefs. What we cannot ignore, however, is that we have lost the ability to express our beliefs in a persuasive way to the voters. We must once again connect more directly with the British people and free ourselves from the perception that we have become remote and out of touch.

We Conservatives owe it to the country to be a strong, well-organised opposition, ready to redress the damage which will surely come from a Labour Government in the years ahead. To prepare ourselves for serving the nation in office, and offering it clear leadership, we must first put our own house in order.

The order of the day is: change or oblivion. William Hague has a clear and consistent vision for change. The party must grasp it and work through the details, or face the inevitable consequences.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL TREND,
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September 20.

From Mr Norman Lamont

Sir, No one can surely doubt that the organisation of the Conservative Party, so pitifully exposed in the general election, needs renewal and reshaping. Our campaigning techniques need to be improved and our membership vastly increased.

William Hague has rightly made this a top priority. But he recognises that organisation is a means, not an end in itself. It is the means of communicating to the country the traditional Conservative values which Alan Clark rightly says we need to rediscover.

But Alan Clark's fears are misplaced. The vote of party members on the principles of reform is only the beginning of a process, not the conclusion of it. The remarkable thing is that a vote of all members is happening. Of course we must not ape Labour or become a centralised party. But there is plenty of scope for further consultation on these matters, as I know the leadership intends.

In view of recent criticism of William Hague perhaps I could add that he was my PPS during three difficult years (1990-93). I always told friends then that one day he would become leader of the Conservative Party. It happened much sooner than I expected. But the country, the Conservative Party and Mr Blair will soon discover, as I did, his formidable qualities.

Yours sincerely,
NORMAN LAMONT,
14 Kensington Park Road, W11.
September 20.

New Cornish horror

From Mrs Catharine Boyd Brent

Sir, Until I read your report and leading article of September 11, I was not aware of the existence of the rogue fox reputedly biting the tourists and locals in Mousehole, near Penzance. However, I suggest that its presence can do nothing but good for the Cornish tourist industry.

We already have the Beast of Exmoor and the Bodmin Moor big cat — both great attractions for the "grockles" in search of thrills as well as pasties. A warm welcome for the "foxy smiler" of Mousehole!

Yours faithfully,
CATHARINE BOYD BRENT,
Church Water Cottage, Ashreigney,
Chulmleigh, North Devon.

Injustice of public-sector pay freeze

From Dr Alan B. Shrank

Sir, Each time public-sector pay is depressed for political reasons, the eventual catching-up with private-sector pay becomes an increasing embarrassment ("Doctors call for a 10 per cent rise in their salaries", report, September 17). Mrs Thatcher refused to sanction appropriate salary rises for MPs and Cabinet members, hoping to set an example to public-sector workers. Tony Blair is emulating her — but one day the bill must be paid.

The more serious aspect of reducing the recommendations of the review bodies for public servants is the failure to attract adequately motivated and qualified staff. The exodus of newly qualified nurses from the NHS (now a 40 per cent loss), the early retirement of senior teachers as soon as they can draw an adequate pension, the failure both to recruit UK doctors at all levels and to retain senior doctors in either general or hospital practice — all are a direct consequence of devaluing these occupations.

As staffing levels decline the workload on those remaining rises, and the ability to attract suitable staff declines still further. There must be a point of no return, and this can only mean the public will have to turn to private facilities to obtain the quality of service they expect. It is absurd to promise high-quality teaching and medical care without properly rewarding those who are to provide it.

To expect teachers, doctors and nurses to forgo warranted salary rises in order to fund services is no longer a sacrifice most are prepared to bear. They will avoid the moral blackmail not by striking but by voting with their feet.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN B. SHRANK
(Vice-President, Hospital Consultants
and Specialists Association),
20 Crescent Place,
Town Walls, Shrewsbury.
September 19.

From Dr T. R. G. Howard

Sir, Amidst the appeals for workers of all types to accept pay rises in line with inflation, I wish someone would spare a thought for those public-sector workers who are forced by circumstances to take a pay cut.

Like all general practitioners, I am self-employed. I am trapped between escalating costs, rising demand and pegged pay from a monopoly purchaser. Either I pay my staff the going rate, and bear the cost myself, or I restrict the service I supply.

This year, my partners and I have chosen the former course, and are facing a 12 per cent pay cut as a consequence. Remember that when you next need your family doctor.

Yours faithfully,
T. R. G. HOWARD,
Woodside Farm, Brickyard Lane,
Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset.
September 17.

Musical neighbours

From Ms Judith Hendershott

Sir, Contrary to your front page report ("Hendrix joins Handel with pop's first blue plaque", September 15), the Handel House Trust is delighted that the Jimi Hendrix plaque at number 23 Brook Street, in central London, has joined that of his neighbour George Frideric Handel.

By a quirk of fate two world-famous musicians — both of them foreign-born — lived in adjacent buildings in London, 200 years apart. The trust, which is establishing a Handel museum in 23 and 25 Brook Street, wishes also to commemorate Jimi Hendrix.

Certain parallels can be drawn between the two composer-musicians: both Handel and Hendrix experimented with instrumental effects and pursued maximum sound volume for its emotional effects upon their audiences. Handel was commissioned to accompany outdoor public events such as the Royal Fireworks; Hendrix played at Monterey and the Isle of Wight. Hendrix spoke of his interest in classical music, including that of Bach and Handel.

The trustees are involved in plans to recreate the principal room in the flat where Hendrix lived from 1968-69, which the public will be able to view, working closely with Kathy Etchingham, who shared the flat with Hendrix. The arrival of the Hendrix plaque should help draw attention to the current state of the buildings and to the urgency of restoring them.

Yours sincerely,
JUDITH HENDERSHOTT,
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4 Bennett Park,
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September 16.

From Mr John Dearing

Sir, I am very pleased that Jimi Hendrix has been honoured with a blue plaque, for not only was he an extraordinary musician, he was also a man of honour.

Towards the turn of 1966 my flatmate, as social secretary of the University of York, booked a virtually unknown band called the Jimi Hendrix Experience to perform for one hour at a St Valentine's day dance the following February.

By the time the date drew near, Hendrix had a single in the dizzy heights of the record charts, and we began to get nervous as to whether he would fulfil the engagement. The booking had been made at £200 per hour and reports suggested that he was by this time commanding £800.

Not only did Hendrix fulfil his contract, he actually performed for one hour and fifteen minutes.

Unfortunately, from my point of view, he insisted on having a "human chain" in front of the stage to prevent the fans mobbing him, and I was positioned in the full blast of one of the loud-speakers.

Yours faithfully,
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From the Reverend Julian Sullivan

Sir, A blue plaque for Jimi Hendrix? Purple surely.

Yours faithfully
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September 16.

In faith we trust

From the Reverend Julian Barker

Sir, The credulity of our modern world (letter, September 16) was succinctly described by Geoffrey Elton in his inaugural lecture as Professor of English Constitutional History at Cambridge in 1968.

> This is not a day of sceptics, this is not a day of unbelievers. We are living in one of the ages of faith, and that the faith is not attached to institutionalised religion does not disprove the point that I have just made. On the contrary: it renders the faiths more varied, more easy ... Everything is a matter of faith, nothing is a matter of reason ... The world is littered with prophets and gurus.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN BARKER,
Repton Vicarage, Repton, Derby.
September 16.

The personal touch

From Mr John Macdonald

Sir, While sympathising with Mr T. Mannion's quest for "the personal touch" (letter, September 15), may I make a plea that he look somewhere else other than a bank to discuss his personal problems.

My brief visits to my bank are already regularly delayed by customers in front of me discussing everything from the weather to the merits of England's back four.

I need no encouragement whatsoever to use "hole-in-the-wall" machines.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MACDONALD,
2 Winterfold Close,
Southfields, SW19.
September 15.

Making a meal of it

From Mr Christopher Moseley

Sir, The Central Intelligence Agency's recipe book (report and leading article, September 19) reminds me of an occasion in 1991 when, with my wife and a friend, I visited a restaurant in Rhinebeck, north of New York City.

Before booking a table, we asked what type of cuisine the restaurant served and were met with the alarming reply: "Sir, all our chefs are CIA trained."

We found later that the headquarters of the Culinary Institute of America were only half a mile away. The meal was superb.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER MOSELEY,
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September 19.

Staff college cost

From Mr D. M. Leigh

Sir, Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch (letter, September 9) is half right in his espousal of the Greenwich option for the new services staff college. The development of a new greenfield site at a cost of £500 million has all the hallmarks of the MoD mismanaging yet another capital project.

The nation, directly or indirectly, will maintain nationally important historical sites. A practical solution to the dilemma could take account of the Woolwich Arsenal. A dual site would meet all the accommodation needs of 280 students. Woolwich as currently employed is an expensive anachronism which cannot last.

The two sites, combined to form a new joint staff college, would be maintained in their historical roles and would demonstrate "jointery". Kept in an appropriate manner, this would cost far less to re-engineer than the costly and environmentally damaging greenfield site at Swindon.

Yours faithfully,
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Factors at play in bishops' selection

From the Reverend David Dale

Sir, I suspect that the news that the Prime Minister has turned down the names put forward by the Crown Appointments Commission for the new bishop for the diocese of Liverpool (letters, September 16 and 18) will be greeted with relief by most clergy and laity.

The appointment of politically correct liberals of all parties to the bench under the primacy of Dr Runcie and Dr Carey has seen a collapse in vocations, a startling loss in average Sunday attendances and a financial collapse. The situation is critical and anyone with half an eye would realise that this is the judgment of God on the Church of England.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID DALE,
All Saints' Vicarage,
Ryde, Isle of Wight.
September 18

From Dr the Reverend Presbyter Robert Chatterji de Massey

Sir, The Reverend Prebendary Patrick Dearnley (letter, September 18) says that congregations thoughout the diocese of Liverpool have been praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the appointment of a new bishop. Undoubtedly they have, and rightly so; but what leads him to suppose that the Prime Minister, a dedicated Christian, may not also have been on his knees and that he too has the ear of the Holy Spirit?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT de MASSEY,
Clare House,
Witchford, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

From the Bishop of Richborough

Sir, Small wonder that the friends of the Crown Appointments Commission's Secretary welcome a new bishop appointed under the present system (letter, September 18). It is the ones who are not his friends who concern me — a great deal of the time.

Yours etc,
†EDWIN RICHBORO:,
14 Hall Place Gardens,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
September 18.

From Miss Linda Craft

Sir, I read your leader of September 16, "Blair and the bishops", with amusement. It is reassuring to know that *The Jupiter* is still thriving.

LINDA CRAFT,
34 Kelvin Close, Cambridge.
September 18.

Church decline

From Mr Daniel Gallimore

Sir, Damian Thompson's article (September 13) suggests that, as we approach a new millennium, spirituality isn't in decline, only the churches.

Even more than its evangelistic role, I believe the primary rationale of the Church of England is the nourishment of its numbers, from whom it derives a large part of its income. The image of the Church as staid is itself old-fashioned when, as your "At your service" column (Weekend) has amply illustrated, it is now a broader church than ever before.

The decline in membership has more to do with the seed falling on barren ground and among thorns than any failure on the part of the Church, whose future lies securely in the hands of God.

Yours faithfully,
DANIEL GALLIMORE,
Fern Cottage, Stewkley,
Nr Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.
September 13.

Speaking for all

From Mr Frank Sutton

Sir, The allegation (report and leading article, September 15) that Mr Blair made political capital out of the tragic death of the Princess may or may not be true. What is a deplorable fact is that he chose, or agreed, to read the lesson in the funeral service — a task which should surely have fallen to the Speaker as the representative of all the parties in the House of Commons.

Yours faithfully,
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September 15.

Role reversal

From Mrs Ingrid Cranfield

Sir, Figures in British life have often complained of a propensity to be compartmentalised. A surgeon may not also be an artist, for example. Suddenly, in the last few weeks, we see that this is no longer true.

We have observed the Prime Minister giving social counsel to the Queen, the Archbishop of Canterbury giving political support and solace to the trade unions and Elton John giving spiritual advice to the nation. What next? Will Linford Christie devise a new dress code for clerics?

I rather like a country in which everybody can be someone else for a while.

Yours faithfully,
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 20: The Princess Royal, Patron, BT Global Challenge, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, this evening attended the Prize Giving Ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London, W1.

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 21: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning.

The Reverend David Kellas preached the Sermon.

The Queen was represented by The Prince of Wales at the annual Battle of Britain Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication which was held in Westminster Abbey this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 21: The Duke of York, Patron, this afternoon attended the start of the 1997-98 Whitbread Round the World Race at the Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes, and was received by Her Majesty's Governor and Lord-Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight (Mr Christopher Bland).

Royal engagement

The Duke of York, as patron, Royal Navy Golf Association, will visit the 1997 Inter Service Golf Championships at the Formby golf club, Formby, Lancashire, at 9.00.

Service dinner

977 Squad, Royal Marines

Major Alastair J Donald, RM (Retd), Chairman, Council of the Royal Marines Historical Society, was the guest of honour at a dinner to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the 977 Squad, Royal Marines, held last night at the Royal Marines Museum, Southsea. Colonel Richard C. Sidwell, RM (Retd) presided.

Marketors' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Marketors' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Dr R A **Hood**; Senior Warden, Mr J **Petersen**; Middle Warden, Professor J.A.P. **Treasure**; Junior Warden, Mr W S C **Kennett**.

Birthdays today

Dr Dannie Abse, poet, 74; Mr John Caird, theatre director and writer, 49; Sir George Cartland, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Tasmania, 85; Miss Maria Charles, actress, 68; Dr David Drewry, director, Science and Technology, Natural Environment Research Council, 50; Mr William Franklyn, actor, 71; Miss Gina Fratini, fashion designer, 66; Mr Colin Graham, opera director, 66; the Earl of Guilford, 64; Professor Sir Frederick Holliday, chairman, Northumbrian Water Group, 62; Mr Graham Jones, Headmaster, Repton School, 53; Miss Deborah Lavin, former president, Howlands Trust, and co-director, Research Institute for the Study of Change, Durham University, 58; Mr Mark Loveday, senior partner, Cazenove, 54; Professor Norbert Lynton, art historian, 70; Sir Charles Mander, 76; Sir Nigel Mobbs, Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, 60; Lord Moran, 73; Captain Mark Phillips, equestrian trainer, 49; Mrs Mary Reveley, racehorse trainer, 57; Lord Saye and Sele, 77; Mr John Tomlinson, operatic bass, 51; Mr Alan Waterworth, Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside, 66; Mrs Fay Weldon, writer, 66; Sir John Wickerson, former president, Law Society, 60; Viscount Younger of Leckie, KT, 66.

Memorial meetings

Dame Beryl Paston Brown

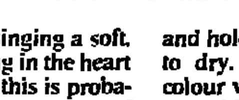
A memorial meeting for Dame Beryl Paston Brown, educationist, was held on Saturday at Homerton College, Cambridge. Dr David Male read from *Little Gidding* by T.S. Eliot. Dr Kate Pretty, principal, Mr Ray Dalton, Mrs Veronica Clark, Dr Charles Bailey and Dr Joyce Skinner were among the speakers.

Sir David Hopkin

A celebration of the life of Sir David Hopkin, former Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, was held on Saturday at Grays Inn. Ms Barbara Hopkin gave a reading. Mr Francis Shaw, Ms Penny Hopkin, Mr Peter Stephens, Mr Adrian Whiteson, Mr Bobby Winton and Ms Paula Jackson were among those paying tribute.

Nature notes

Blackbirds are singing a soft, crooning subsong in the heart of thick bushes: this is probably due to a fleeting return of the spring sexual urges. Some young males may be learning how to sing. Mute swans preen vigorously in the sunshine, sometimes turning their heads completely upside down and rubbing the back of their long necks on their shoulders. Summer visitors still to be seen include house martins and chiffchaffs: the chiffchaffs raid spiders' webs on railings for struggling insects. Cormorants are coming inland from the sea-cliffs: by some lakes a dead tree will be full of them, standing on separate boughs and holding their wings open to dry. Trees are changing colour with the autumn equinox this year. Many horse chestnut leaves are green with a yellow border. Buttery-yellow leaves are scattered under the black poplar trees. On wild roses, the fruit is bright red while the leaves are turning yellow. There are still purple flowerheads on the sweet-smelling water mint, while on great hairy willow-herb the pink flowers are withering and giving way to thin, curling seedpods. Southern hawker dragonflies are out and about: they have green and blue bodies and large gauzey wings. DJM



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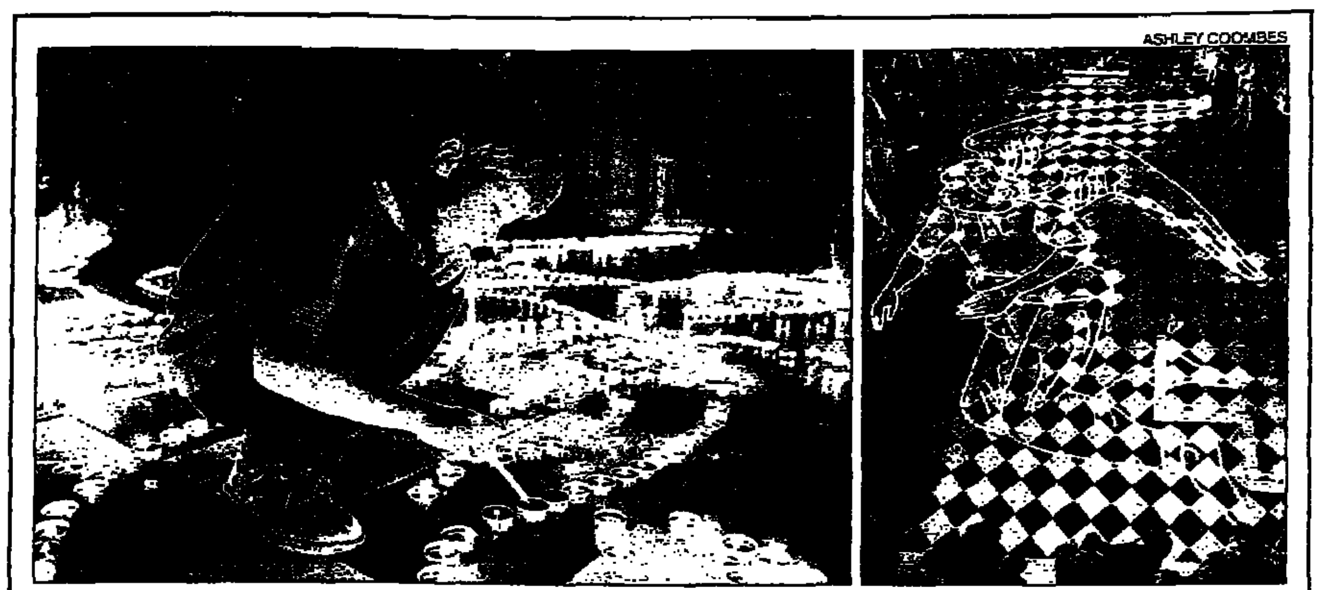

ASHLEY COOMBES

Children lighting some of the 3,000 candles to complete a twilight image of an angel, right, in St Giles' church in the Barbican, London, at the weekend. The work, by Dobrev, a Bulgarian artist, was part of a weekend entitled "City Alive" when various cultural events were held and 400 buildings, many not normally open to the public, threw open their doors free of charge to allow visitors to enjoy their architecture

Battle of Britain service

The Queen was represented by the Prince of Wales at the Battle of Britain service of thanksgiving and rededication held yesterday in Westminster Abbey. The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Barry Fenton, Precentor. Lady (Andrew) Humphrey read a prayer.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns, Chief of the Air Staff, and Flight Lieutenant M.J. Thornton, 43 (F) Squadron RAF Leuchars, read the lessons. The Ven P.R. Turner, Chaplain-in-Chief RAF, gave an address.

During the service the medals of Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding were borne to the altar by Flight Lieutenant D. Lewis from RAF Coningsby and Flight Lieutenant A.G. Gordon from RAF Leuchars.

The Battle of Britain Ensign Bearer was Flight Lieutenant D.A. Mather, escorted by Flight Lieutenant S.W. Ball and Flight Lieutenant M.D. Lawrence, and the Roll of Honour was borne by Flight Lieutenant S. Tuckfield escorted by Air Commodore P.M. Brothers, Group Captain W.D. David, Wing Commander A.G. Page, Wing Comander T.F. Neil, Squadron Leader A.H.D. Pond and Flight Lieutenant G. Stevens. HM Government was represented by Dr John Reid, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, HM Opposition was represented by Mr Robert Key, MP, and the Ulster Unionist Party by Mr David Trimble, MP. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster attended. Among others present were:

Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Lord Dowding, Odette Lady Dowding, Lord and Lady Levene of Portsoken, Marshal of the RAF Lord and Lady Craig of Radley, Lady Johns, General Sir Charles Guthrie (Chief of the Defence Staff) and Lady Guthrie, Professor Sir David Davies, FRS (Chief Scientific Adviser) and Lady Davies, Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Walmsley (Chief of Defence Procurement) and Lady Walmsley, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison (Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Headquarters Strike Command) and Lady Allison with Air Marshal G A Robertson (Chief of Staff) and Mrs Robertson, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Cheshire (Commander-in-Chief, AFNORTHWEST) and Lady Cheshire, Air Chief Marshal Sir David Cousins (Air Member for Personnel) and Lady Cousins, Air Marshal C.G. Terry (Air Member for Logistics) and Mrs Terry, Air Vice-Marshal P.C. Norriss (Controller Aircraft) and Mrs Norriss, Air Vice-Marshal T.I. Jenner (Assistant Chief of the Air Staff) and Mrs Jenner, the Chairman and Secretary of the VC and GC Association.

Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis and Lady Spotswood, Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael and Lady Beetham, Marshal of the RAF Sir Keith and Lady Williamson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael and Lady Graydon, Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas and Lady Prickett, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil and Lady Wheeler, Air Chief Marshal Sir David and Lady Evans, Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick and Lady Hine, Air Chief Marshal Sir David and Lady Parry-Evans, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael and Lady Alcock, Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew and Lady Wilson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael and Lady Stear, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris (chairman, Battle of Britain Fighter Association) and Lady Foxley-Norris, Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin (controller, RAF Benevolent Fund) and Lady Palin, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Hayr, Air Marshal Sir Peter and Lady Squire, Lady (Charles) Ness, Sir Richard and Lady Evans, Air Commandant Dame Felicity Peake, Sir Donald and Lady Spiers, Sir John Blelloch, Air Marshal Sir John Kemball (president, RAFA) and Lady Kemball, Lady Crowley-Milling.

Air Marshal and Mrs J.R. Day, Air Vice-Marshal B.H. Newton, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs H Bird-Wilson, Air Vice-Marshal A Maisner (president, Polish Air Forces Association) and Mrs Maisner, Air Vice-Marshal A.L. Roberts (chairman, Coastal Command Association), Major-General William S Hinton Jr (USA 3rd Air Force) and Mrs Hinton, Mr Douglas Radcliffe (also representing the Chairman of the Aircrew Association), Mr J.B. Hughes (secretary, Pathfinder Association) and Mrs Hughes, Wing Commander N.P.W. Hancock (secretary, Battle of Britain Fighter Association) and Mrs Hancock, Mrs Bruce Millan, Mr and Mrs James Wellbeloved, Mrs P.R. Turner, Mr and Mrs L.A. Edwards, Mr and Mrs T Grievson, Mr and Mrs John Weston, Mr and Mrs Michael Marshall, Mr and Mrs Alan Curtis, Mr and Mrs John Ferrie, Mr and Mrs Sydney Dowse, other representatives of organisations having links with the Battle of Britain, and members of the public.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Anne of Cleves, fourth wife of King Henry VIII, Cleves, Germany, 1515; Philip Dormer Stanhope, 4th Earl of Chesterfield, statesman and writer, London, 1694; John Emery, actor and painter, Sunderland, 1777; Theodore Hook, novelist, London, 1788; Michael Faraday, chemist, London, 1791; Dame Christabel Pankhurst, suffragette, Manchester, 1880; Sir George Stapledon, pioneer of grassland science, Northam, Devon, 1882; Erich von Stroheim, actor and film director, Vienna, 1885; Paul Muni, actor, L'vov, Ukraine, 1895.

DEATHS: Johann Agricola, Lutheran reformer, Berlin, 1566; Thomas Morton, bishop, Northampton, 1659; John Biddle, Unitarian, London, 1662; Gerbrand van den Eeckhout, painter, Amsterdam, 1674; Nathan Hale, American revolution patriot, hanged, 1776; Ivan Vazov, poet, Sofia, 1921; Sir Charles Santley, baritone, London, 1922; Frederick Soddy, chemist, Nobel laureate 1921, Brighton, 1956; Oliver St John Gogarty, surgeon and writer, New York, 1957; Irving Berlin, song writer, Manhattan, 1989.

Sir Robert Walpole became the first Prime Minister to occupy 10 Downing Street, 1735.

The French Republic was proclaimed, 1792.

Commercial television began in Britain; the first advertisement was for Gibbs SR toothpaste, 1955.

The Solidarity independent labour movement was born in Poland and Lech Walesa was elected leader, 1980.

Piping: Northern Meeting

Seldom-heard tunes make for a refreshing change

BY ANGUS NICOL

FOR the listener it is refreshing when seldom-heard tunes are set for the piobaireachd competitions, though usually not many pipers offer them. Learning a new tune which you may not play again is time-consuming.

This year there were two such tunes in the Gold Medal list: *The Menzies' Salute* and *The Young Laird of Dungallon's Salute*. Three competitors (out of 30) offered the first, and four the second. It was decided that competitors should not be given the same tune as they had played at the Argyllshire Gathering.

Duncan MacGillivray, who would have been asked to play *The Menzies' Salute*, arrived in Oban too late to compete. So that is the tune he was asked to play at Inverness. It is an unusual and rather complicated tune, but with it he won the Highland Society of London's Gold Medal.

The set tunes for the Gold Medal were, with the exception of two, battle or gathering tunes, though a few played them like laments. Donald MacBride played *The End of the Great Bridge* to take second. Stuart Shedden took third prize with *Lachlan MacNeil Campbell of Kintarbert's Fancy*. *The Park Piobaireachd (No 2)*, commemorating the 15th-century Battle of Park, brought fourth prize to P/M Ian Macey. In fifth, John Angus Smith played *The Battle of Auldearn (No 2)*.

There was a set list for the Silver Medal: a miscellany of quite substantial tunes. The Silver Medal was won by Scott Drummond with *MacDonald of Kinlochmoidart's Lament (No 1)*, played also by Mary-Ann MacKinnon to take fourth place. In second place, James McHattie played *Tulloch Ard*. Ian K. MacDonald took third prize with *The Massacre of Glencoe*. *The Little Spree*, a particularly sad lament, won fifth prize for Andrew Mathieson.

There are also ceol beag competitions on the first day of the Northern Meeting. Throughout the day, the march competitions, A and B grade, each with almost 40 entrants, continued. The A-grade march was won by Stuart Liddell, and the B-grade by Piper Ian Finlayson, 1st Highlanders.

The first day ended with the march, strathspey and reel for former winners. Competitors submit six of each type of tune, and are asked to play two of each once through. This makes an excellent and varied concert. The winner was Alasdair Gillies.

Full results:

Highland Society of London's Gold Medal: 1 Duncan MacGillivray; 2 Donald MacBride; 3 Stuart Shedden; 4 P/M Ian Macey; 5 John Angus Smith. **Judges:** Andrew Wright, William MacDonald (Benbecula), Ronald Morrison.

Silver Medal: 1 Scott Drummond; 2 James McHattie; 3 Ian K MacDonald; 4 Mary-Ann MacKinnon; 5 Andrew Mathieson. **Judges:** Captain Gavin Stoddart, James Burnet, Finlay MacNeill.

March A: 1 Stuart Liddell; 2 William Morrison; 3 John Patrick; 4 Douglas Murray. **Judges:** P/M Angus MacDonald, Dr Jack Taylor, P/M David Aitken.

March B: 1 Piper Iain Finlayson; 2 Mark Wemyss; 3 Stuart Cassells; 4 James McHattie. **Judges:** P/M Angus MacDonald, Dr Jack Taylor, P/M David Aitken.

March, strathspey & reel (former winners): 1 Alasdair Gillies; 2 Roderick MacLeod; 3 Stuart Liddell. 4 Dr Angus MacDonald. **Judges:** Malcolm MacRae, Alan Forbes, P/M Ronald Lawrie.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr D.J. Alexander
and Miss A.J.M. Musker**
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Alexander, of Oakley, Hampshire, and Alison, daughter of the late Mr John Musker and of Mrs Musker, of Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire.

**Mr S.C. Brotherton
and Miss S.L. Ayling**
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Brotherton, of Chichester, Sussex, and Sharon, daughter of the late Mr Rex Ayling and of Mrs Caerys Ayling, of Gravesend, Kent.

**Mr D. Crandon
and Miss B.E. Rigby**
The engagement is announced between Dan, eldest son of Anthony Crandon and Libby Crandon, and Brigitte Elaine, only daughter of Peter and Heather Rigby.

**Mr J.F.T. Pallister
and Miss A.M. Barton**
The engagement is announced between Jim, elder son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Pallister, of The Old Vicarage, Tunstead, Norfolk, and Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Barton, of Haysden House, Haysden, Tonbridge, Kent.

**Mr T.E. Parsons
and Miss K.V. Martin-Doyle**
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Alan and Anne Parsons, of Putney, London, and Katie, daughter of the late Kit Martin-Doyle and of Jane Martin-Doyle, of Leafield, Oxfordshire.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines

Captain: B A L Goldman — Cdre MFP in rank of Cdre 3.3.98; R G Lockwood — Raleigh in rank of Cdre 31.2.98; D G Snelson — MOD London in rank of Cdre 27.1.98.

Local Lieutenant Colonel: M W Bibbey — HQ 3 CDO BDE RM in rank of Loc Lt Col 24.4.98.

Commander: N A M Butler — MOD London in rank of A/Capt 9.12.97; T C Churchill — Dryad 20.1.98; P W Fortescue — SHAPE Belgium 10.11.97; C A Johnstone-Burt — MOD London in rank of A/Capt 14.10.97; S R Kirby — Sultan AIB in rank of A/Capt 12.1.98; D R Larmour — MOD DEF EX SVCS in rank of A/Capt 10.2.98; N Morisetti — Staff of FOSF 12.2.98; R Nairn — Staff of FONA 28.11.97; G J Thwaites — Neptune NT in rank of A/Capt 25.11.97.

Retirements

Captain: R L Guy — 5.12.97.

Commander: P S Eaglestone — 5.12.97; P Higgins — 10.10.97; D A Humphrey — 5.12.97; G A Manning — 5.12.97.

Chaplain: D A Lacy — 3.12.97.

Royal Air Force

Air Commodore P W **Henderson** MBE to be Director General of Support Management Headquarters Logistics Command in the rank of air vice-marshal, from October 1, 1997, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal M **van der Veen** MA.

Air Commodore: A P Waldron — HQPTC, 15.9.97

Group Captain: C R Morgan — HQP&SS (UK), 15.9.97; I A McPhee — DEF NBC CENTRE, 15.9.97; N R Chandler — MOD, 15.9.97; P A Blackford — RAF NEATISHEAD, 26.9.97.

Wing Commander: S Abbott — MOD, 27.8.97; M L Ashwell — HQAFFSOUTH NAPLES, 1.9.97; J Clark — HQ MATO UXBRIDGE, 1.9.97; D W Knowles — MOD, 1.9.97; C J Lawrence — RAF BENTLEY PRIORY, 1.9.97; G M Russell — AD EFA/ILS (RAF) ABW, 17.9.97; S J Chamberlain — HQLC WYTON, 21.9.97.

Mr Robert Kiln

A memorial service for Mr Robert Kiln will be held on Friday, September 26, at 11.45am in St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate, Bishopsgate, London EC2.

Marriages

**Mr F.J. Longstreth Thompson
and Lady Venetia Parker**
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Andrew, Yelverton, Devon, of Mr Jonathan Thompson, elder son of Professor and Mrs F.M.L. Thompson, of Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, to Lady Venetia Parker, only daughter of the Earl and Countess of Morley, of Pound House, Buckland Monachorum, Devon. The Rev Graham M.Cotter officiated, assisted by the Very Rev Richard M.S. Eyre.

**Mr C.E.St L. Malet
and Miss R. Cane**
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Andrew's, Kirby Bedon, Norwich, of Mr Charles Malet, son of Sir Harry and Lady Malet, of Australia, to Miss Rachel Cane, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.P.S. Cane, of The Vale, Kirby Bedon. Canon Ivan Bailey officiated.

**Mr J.C. Phillips
and Miss K.S.M. Buchanan**
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, of Mr Jeremy Charles Phillips, elder son Mrs Jane Phillips, of Wyton, Cambridgeshire, and of the late Mr Peter Phillips, to Miss Kate Sophie Mary Buchanan, only daughter of Vice-Admiral Sir Peter and Lady Buchanan, of Midhurst, West Sussex. Father Hugh MacKenzie officiated.

A guard of honour was formed by Officers of the Metropolitan Police.

**Señor J. Parladé
and the Hon Louisa Hoyer Millar**
The marriage took place on Friday, September 12, 1997, at All Saints' Church, Little Somborne, Hampshire, of Señor Jaime Parladé, son of Señor Francisco Parladé and Señora Mary Parladé, of Banahavis, Spain, to the Hon Louisa Hoyer Millar, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Inchyra, of King's Somborne, Hampshire. The Rev Michael Norton officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Eleanor Hoyer Millar and Alfredo Villanueva Brandt.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

**Mr R. Blayney
and Miss A. Bakucz**
The marriage took place in Valbonne, France, on Saturday, September 20, between Mr Richard Blayney, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Blayney, of Walkford, Dorset, and Miss Andrea Bakucz, daughter of Mr and Mrs Miklós Bakucz, of Balatonalmadi, Hungary.

**Mr J.P.K. Daly
and Miss A.M. Wright**
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 20, at St Mary's Church, Pulborough, between Mr James Daly, son of Mr and Mrs Dermot Daly, and Miss Alexandra Wright, elder daughter of Mr John Wright and Mrs Tim Dickerson. The Rev Ronald Robinson and Dom Edward Corbould, OSB, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Phoebe Rolls, Harriet Cowcher, Lily Newman, George Rolls, Archie and Hector Judd. Mr Philip Fleming was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being sent abroad.

**Colonel M.ff. Woodhead
and Mrs C.W. Diggle**
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 20, at St Leonard's Church, Old Warden, between Michael Woodhead, widower of Gilly Woodhead, and Albinia Diggle, widow of Christopher Diggle.

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BIRTHS

BIRKETT - On September 2nd at St Paul's, Cheltenham, to Sarah (née Hicks) and Peter, a daughter, Kyra Victoria, a sister for Toby.

CONWAY - On September 17th at Queen Mary's Hospital, to Nicola Louise and Ian David, a beautiful baby boy, Thomas Christopher.

GIBSON - To Abigail (née Clear) and Nicholas, on 11th September, a son, Samuel Edward, a brother for Patrick.

GRANT - On September 18th 1997, to Kate (née Wood-Mallock) and Jonathan, a daughter, Jemima Beatrice.

KARIM - On September 12th at the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth to Azmina (née Sajan) and Malik, a beautiful and very, special son, Shakil.

SCHRODER - On September 4th at the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth to Ellen and Timothy, a daughter, Miranda Dorothy, a sister for Charlotte, Ben and Anna.

MARRIAGES

ROWNTREE:HUNTER - On Saturday September 13th in York, Neil, son of Paul and Gwen Rowntree of York, to Sarah, daughter of Dora and the late Geoffrey Hunter of Eye, Suffolk.

DEATHS

BEAMISH - Richard. Died in Eastbourne District Hospital on 17th September aged 80 years. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium Family Chapel on Friday 26th September at 1.30pm.

BEVAN - Ray. Died peacefully at home on 18th September. Loved father of John and William and grandfather of Sophie and Christopher. Funeral at Putney Vale, 1pm, Thursday 25th September. Donations if desired to Barnardo's c/o T H Sanders & Son F/D: 0181 789 6865.

GREAVES - Helen. Suddenly on 18th September aged 84. Much loved widow of Geoffrey and survived by 3 sons and 7 grandchildren. Funeral 11am Thursday 25th September at St. Michael's Rock, Cornwall.

HARDISTY - Professor Roger Michael, died peacefully on 18th September 1997, beloved husband of Jytte Hardisty, dearly loved father of Jan and Sandra, father-in-law of Janet and Jeremy and grandfather of Max, William, Timothy and Josephine. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Hampstead on Thursday 25th September at 2pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations for the North London Hospice c/o Leverton & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead NW3 4QS. Tel: 0171 586 4221.

HERDMAN - Ellice Bernard. On September 18th peacefully at Oketon Nursing Home aged 91. Dearest husband of Ruth Evelyn and father of Geoff and Annie. Funeral Tuesday 30th September 10:45am at St John's Church, Hampton Wick, followed by cremation at Kingston crematorium. Flowers to Frederick Payne, 102 High Street, Teddington.

KINDERSLEY - Christina Margaret (née Crawford) of Terra Cotta, Ontario, Canada, peacefully on September 16th in her 95th year. Beloved wife of the late Charles M. Kindersley and loving mother of Lynne Dole of Erin, Ontario and the late Richard. Grandmother of Kathryn and Richard. Memorial Service at All Saints Church, Erin, on Tuesday September 23rd.

LAYTHORPE - Harold aged 95, peacefully at Milton Keynes General Hospital on 16th September after a short illness. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church Woburn Sands on Friday 26th September at 2 pm followed by burial at St Botolph's Church Aspley Guise. Flowers and enquiries to E. Fennemore & Son 18 Russell Street Woburn Sands Bucks tel: 01908 586940.

LORIMER - Jean Mary. Died at home on 17th September. Funeral Service at Warriston Crematorium Cloister Chapel on Wednesday September 24th at 11.45am. Family flowers only please.

MARSH - Geoffrey John (Pricet) suddenly in Ashbel on 11th September. Funeral Service at St Leonard's Church, Newland, Malvern, on Thursday 25th September at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the Beauchamp Community, Newland, Malvern, Worcestershire.

MAISNER - Mary (née Coverley) aged 74 suddenly in hospital on September 18th 1997. Dearly beloved wife of A.V.M. Alec Maisner. Much loved mother of Elizabeth and John, a devoted grandmother of Nicolas, Sasha and Joanna. Funeral Service on Thursday 25th September at 11.30am at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul's, Shiplake, Oxon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to KNID c/o Tomalin & Son, 38 Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon. Tel: 01491 573370.

PONSFORD - Erica. On 13th September. Much loved mother of Luke and widow of Brian. Funeral will take place at Golders Green crematorium on Tuesday 23rd September at 11am. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd, Tel: 0181 455 4992.

THOMAS - On September 18th, after a long illness, borne with great fortitude. Donald Allden, of Shaldon, aged 75 years. One time chairman of Lacre Limited, beloved and loving husband of Nanette, father of Steven and Hugh, father-in-law of Joanna and Helen, grandfather of Edward, David and Matthew. Funeral Service on Friday September 26th, 2.00pm at St Peter's Church, Shaldon followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Parkinson's Disease Society c/o T. Clark Funeral Director, 48 Teign Street, Teignmouth TQ14 8EA.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COHEN - Louis. A Celebration of the life and work of Dr Louis Cohen, physicist will be held at the Institute of Physics, 76 Portland Place, London W1N 4DH at 3pm on Friday 24th October 1997. Anyone wishing to attend is requested to let Mrs Theresa Blythin know on 0171 470-4800.

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DOUGLAS BENNETT

Dr Douglas Bennett, psychiatrist, died on August 31, aged 79. He was born on August 4, 1918.

DOUGLAS BENNETT was the last of a generation of British social psychiatrists whose work began to empty the mental hospitals after the Second World War. He showed that community psychiatry could be combined with a respect for the individual patient and active plans for rehabilitation.

After qualifying as a doctor in 1940, and serving as a ship's surgeon in the Navy, Douglas Harley Bennett went to work at the Hammersmith Hospital. There he became aware of the importance of basing medical practice on the results of research.

After training in psychiatry under Maxwell Jones and T. P. Rees, he was appointed to his first consultant post at the Netherne Hospital, Coulsdon. The graded industrial workshops there were at the time the basic model for helping patients to adjust to life outside hospital. But work on the nature of institutionalisation by John Wing, George Brown and others from the Medical Research Council had a profound effect on Bennett's later thinking.

By 1962, when he joined the Maudsley Hospital at Denmark Hill, it was clear that times were changing, and that there would be increasing emphasis on community psychiatry. Bennet looked after the day hospital, the outpatients and the emergency clinic, and supervised junior doctors. He soon took on a case-load of his own.

He was responsible for several important changes. The nature of the day hospital changed radically, and a realistic industrial workshop made its appearance. The Maudsley took on responsibility for a full catchment area, working with the local authority, and ceased to confine itself to unusual cases and first episodes of illness.

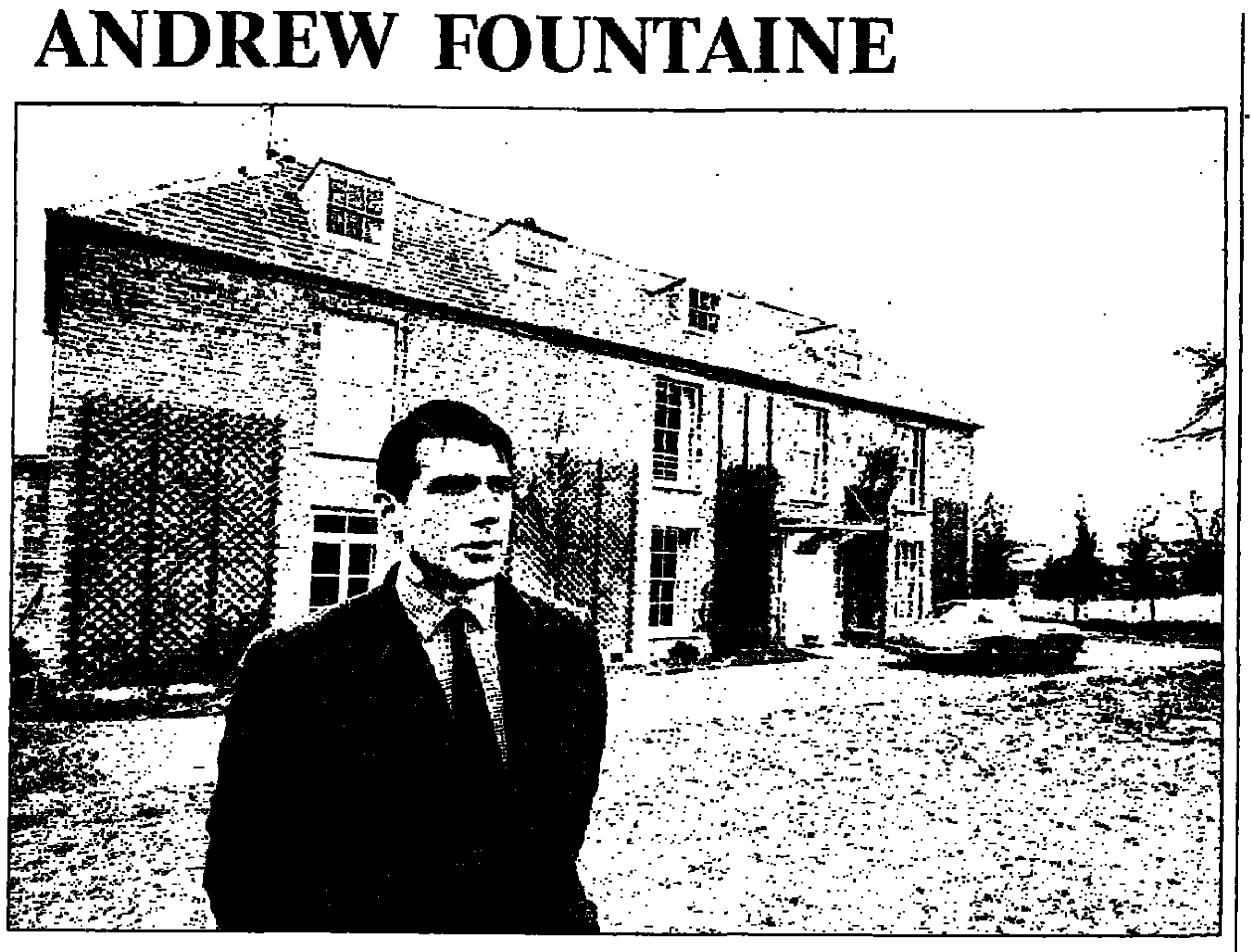
Chronic patients were moved from the old mental hospitals to the Maudsley, and the first "ward in a house", or "hostel ward", soon followed. With John Wing's help, a new unit for local patients was opened.

Bennett was unusual in working in a constructive way with psychologists, on whom he relied for much of the theoretical thinking that underpinned his work with severely disabled patients. The book he wrote with Fraser Watts about psychiatric rehabilitation remains influential.

After his retirement in 1983, Bennett advised several foreign governments about improvements in their mental health services. At home, he was concerned by the shortage of money for care in the community programmes in inner cities.

Douglas Bennett had two daughters by his first marriage, as well as a son who died of cancer at the age of seven. A happy second marriage was ended by the death of his wife, also from cancer. He is survived by his third wife, Thelma, and his two daughters.

ANDREW FOUNTAINE



Andrew Fountaine, Norfolk landowner and a founder of the National Front, died on September 14 aged 78. He was born on December 7, 1918.

In one respect Andrew Fountaine is assured of his niche as a footnote in political history. At the general election of February 1950, while standing as a Conservative at Chorley in Lancashire, he had his candidature expressly disowned by Central Office — the very course of action at the last election which John Major always insisted was impossible in the case of Neil Hamilton and the Tatton seat.

Winston Churchill and Lord Woolton were, however, made of sterner stuff and saw no difficulty in officially repudiating a chosen Tory standard-bearer. Although he did not have a rival candidate put up against him, the then 31-year-old Fountaine was denied the right to describe himself as the Conservative candidate and had to fight instead under the label of "Independent Conservative".

That did not stop him from nearly winning the seat — collecting more than 22,000 votes and falling short by a margin of a mere 361 from capturing the constituency from Labour. It was, however, easily Fountaine's most successful electoral outing: in the three parliamentary elections he subsequently fought under the overt or covert colours of the National Front he never achieved more than 1,400 votes and forfeited his deposit on each occasion.

His troubles with the powers-that-be in the Conservative Party went back a long way. He made rabble-rousing speeches at the Conservative Party conferences of 1947 and 1948 — on the latter occasion describing Clement Attlee's postwar Labour Government as "a group of conscientious objectors, national traitors, semi-alien mongrels and hermaphrodite Communists".

This proved altogether too heady a brew even for Lord Woolton, and his selection by the local association at Chorley was never endorsed by the standing advisory committee at party headquarters. What would have happened had he succeeded in winning the seat remains a moot point but, as it was, he found himself ditched by the local Conservatives after his defeat and never stood as a Tory again.

Indeed, in 1959 he attracted a good deal of local opprobrium by intervening — technically as an Independent but in effect as a Nationalist — in a crucial by-election held in his own home seat of South-West Norfolk (where his vice-admiral father had been both chairman and president of the local Tory association). Although rather ambushed by his mother — the admiral's widow who announced at the outset of the contest that her son was "letting the nation down by opposing a Conservative" — he fought a vigorous campaign, while achieving only 785 votes (a figure that fortunately proved smaller than the Labour majority, so he could not be accused even by his mother of having deprived the Conservatives of a vital gain).

Andrew Douglas Algernon Maclean Fountaine came of a long-standing landowning Norfolk family, who had settled at Narford Hall, just north-west of the market town of Swaffham. After school at Stowe, he in 1935 followed his father, who had just retired, into the Royal Navy — only to be invalided out within months with rheumatic fever. He then went up to Cambridge, where he read Natural Sciences while all the time trying to get back into the Navy. He went, in all, before eight naval medical boards but to no avail.

Eventually, in desperation (and after war had been declared) he got a friend, who bore a strong physical resemblance to him, to appear before a medical board in his place. The ruse worked and, to his delight, Fountaine found himself back in the Navy. Only some years later, when he was wounded in the Far East in the course of a kamikaze raid on his destroyer, was the impersonation discovered. He might well have been court-martialed but was allowed instead to retire as a commander with all his pension rights cancelled.

It was a typical example of Fountaine's idiosyncatic approach to obstacles set in his path — and he acted in character again when, after his forced parting from the Conservative Party, he immediately founded what he called at the time the National Front Movement, setting up its headquarters in Chorley. It proved to be a short-lived phenomenon — and it was 15 years before in 1967 Fountaine returned to the charge by taking a leading part in bringing various splinter right-wing, neo-Nazi organisations together under the new title of the National Front.

He was never its leader — people like John Tyndall and John Kingsley Read had got there before him — but he was to a large degree the movement's moneybags. Military-style camps were held in the grounds of his ancestral home at Narford Hall — with the Home Office on one occasion refusing entry permission to assorted continental fascists who had come from abroad to attend. Fountaine himself, however, was not openly anti-Semitic and this was the cause of his rupture with A. K. Chesterton, the National Front's policy director, who briefly succeeded in getting him expelled (though the High Court later reinstated him).

In the three elections he fought between 1968 and and 1979 there was, though, an awful predictability about the message he sought to deliver. Already at Acton in 1968 — the by-election that first brought Kenneth Baker into the Commons — he was talking of "coloured Bolshevism rolling up the last outposts of civilisation" and branding the constituency's non-white electors as "alien immigrants living one third off prostitution, one third off National Assistance and one third off Red gold". His reward was a faintly alarming 1,400 votes, or more than 5 per cent of the total poll.

After that, however, and especially with the arrival of Margaret Thatcher in the Tory leadership in 1975, it was downhill all the way for the National Front. Finally even Fountaine himself appears to have become disillusioned: although he fought Norwich South in the 1979 general election, attaining a mere 264 votes, he announced in the following year that the Front had "become antipathetic to everything I stand for". A keen environmentalist, he retired to his estate in Norfolk, where he took a great interest in the use of water resources and had planted by his death two and a quarter million trees. He served at different times on three separate tiers of local government in Norfolk.

Andrew Fountaine leaves his widow Rosemary, two sons and a daughter.

GEORGES GUETARY

Georges Guétary, French singer and variety artist, died in the South of France on September 13 aged 82. He was born in Egypt on February 8, 1915.

IN A career that spanned more than half a century and ranged from Parisian cabaret and operetta to Broadway musicals and a Hollywood hit film, Georges Guétary came to epitomise the figure of the exotic Latin lover, an appealing mixture of charm, energy, mystery and romance.

Although he became one of France's most popular entertainers, and won international renown as an archetypal French crooner, Guétary was of Greek origin; his given name was Lambros Woorlou. He was born in Alexandria, growing up there and in Cairo. A hard-working student with a passion for music and athletics, he was sent to France in 1934 to study commerce. There his uncle introduced him to the distinguished violinist Jacques Thibaud, who advised him to take up singing.

He began his vocal training with Ninon Vallin and studied harmony and piano with Thibaud and Alfred Cortot, before making his debut in 1937 with the Jo Bouillon orchestra. His big break came when he was spotted by the great *chanteuse* Mistinguett who, as she did with Maurice Chevalier and Jean Gabin, invited him to accompany her at the Casino de Paris.

During the war, he worked as a *maître d'hôtel* in Toulouse and recorded his first album with the accordionist Fredo Gardoni in 1942. This was when he put down his French roots, reflected in his decision to name himself after the Basque town of Guéthary.

His career was beginning to take off. *Honolulu*, *Je chante à Mexico* and other hits written by the king of French operetta, Francis Lopez, catered to the escapist fantasies of these austere times, while *Robin des Bois* took a discreet poke at the German occupying forces.

After the war, a run of successful stage shows and recording hits in France was extended by appearances in *Bless the Bride* and *Latin Quarter* in London in 1947 and, in 1950, in *Arms and the Girl* on Broadway, where Guétary won a Tony award as best foreign performer.

In 1951 came his most memorable role when he starred alongside Gene Kelly in the Vincente Minnelli film *An American in Paris*. His part — as the successful revue singer Henri Baurel — had originally been intended for Maurice Chevalier, who had apparently turned it down because the character failed to get the girl. Guétary made it his own.

Following the high point of his French career, the Lopez operetta *La Route fleurie* in 1952, Guétary continued to star in musicals throughout the 1950s and 1960s, confirming his talent for the exotic and the romantic. Ever youthful, he greeted the arrival of the French *yéyé* pop generation with a humorous song called *Georges, viens danser le rock'n'roll*.

Known as "the eternal young man", he went on singing regularly on stage until his official farewell concert of October 5, 1987. Thereafter he gave gala performances at the rate of about 40 a year and made regular television appearances.

He retained to the end a large and devoted following, especially among elderly ladies. On January 17 last year he returned to the site of his earlier triumphs, the Bobino music theatre in Paris, for one last concert. It was a moment of collective nostalgia, with the star joining his fans in the stalls for a singalong of his greatest hits.

Guétary's final years were spent in his home at Cannes. He was married to the television director Jeanine Guyon; they had a son and a daughter.

SIR HARRY BOYNE

Sir Harry Boyne, CBE, political correspondent of *The Daily Telegraph*, 1957-76, died on September 18 aged 87. He was born on July 25, 1910.

H. B. BOYNE — there was never any new-fangled nonsense with him about introducing a Christian name into a byline — was a lobby correspondent of the old school. He stood for the mahogany virtues and, not least by his carriage and bearing, symbolised them splendidly.

Tall and imposing, he was always immaculately dressed and, when occasions such as a Royal Garden Party provided the opportunity, would proudly appear in the Commons lobby in a morning suit (on less high days he would generally favour a black jacket and striped pants). In the open air his headgear was normally a bowler hat, accompanied — despite its associations with Neville Chamberlain — by a carefully rolled umbrella. A faint Scottish burr in his voice completed the picture of a figure of impeccable rectitude, a kind of Mr Hudson of below stairs life at the Palace of Westminster.

It was, in fact, to the old *Upstairs, Downstairs* world of Parliament that he belonged. When he arrived at the Commons 47 years ago, very few lobby correspondents, even on national newspapers, were university graduates — many of them, indeed, had cut their teeth as sports reporters on local papers. They certainly knew their place so far as politicians were concerned, and Boyne was no exception. There was unmistakably something deferential in his chosen soft-spoken manner — although he never shrank from quietly rebuking younger colleagues (even those on other papers) for what he took to be breaches of manners or etiquette.

He was widely respected by politicians on both sides of the House. It was no accident that it was to him in June 1975 that Harold Wilson turned, when they were both present at a Commonwealth conference in Jamaica, to impart the information that he was about to move Tony Benn from his beleaguered position as Secretary of State for Industry (thus providing the *Telegraph* with a notable scoop). Nor was it a coincidence that the following January, in the New Year Honours List of 1976, he should have become one of two lobby journalists — the other was his friend Francis Boyd of *The Guardian* — to be given knighthoods by the Labour Prime Minister just three months before he himself resigned.

Henry Brian Boyne was by origin a Highlander, being born in Inverness and attending both the High School and the Royal Academy there. A journalist's son, he first in 1927, aged 17, joined the *Inverness Courier*, of which his father was deputy editor. Two years later he moved to the Dundee *Courier and Advertiser*, the D. C. Thomson flagship daily, with which he stayed until after the war. In 1939 he enlisted in the ranks of the Black Watch, eventually rising to become a major and being badly wounded in the Battle of Caen of 1944. His injuries left him with a slight limp that stayed with him for the rest of his life.

His war service, however, gave him confidence and when he returned to Dundee after being demobbed, it was at once to get into a row with his notably autocratic employers D. C. Thomson. This quaintly old-fashioned firm chose to impose a ban on union membership by any of its employees. Boyne regarded this *diktat* as an infringement on the freedoms for which he had been fighting during the war and refused to resign his membership of the National Union of Journalists. He was immediately sacked and was out of work for six months before being appointed Dundee correspondent of the *Glasgow Herald*, owned by the rival Scottish publishing house of George Outram. In this new environment Boyne flourished and, having meanwhile been promoted to be Edinburgh correspondent, was in 1950 sent to the London office to become the paper's political correspondent.

In 1957 a vacancy arose for a new lobby man on *The Daily Telegraph*, the previous incumbent, Wilfred Sendall, having unaccountaby decided to go to work as Cross-Bencher on the *Sunday Express*. To the somewhat staid *Telegraph* — which in those days always used its own label of "Socialist" to describe Labour MPs — Boyne must have seemed a safe pair of hands. If the paper's editor-in-chief amd proprietor, Michael Berry (later Lord Hartwell), knew of his early upholding of trade union rights, he must have put it down to the rashness and impetuosity of a young man who had since grown older and wiser. This proved to be an expensive mistake.

When the *Telegraph*'s own journalists came out on strike in 1975, Boyne joined the picket line and personally handed Lord Hartwell a letter of remonstrance outlining the workforce's grievances. This brave, if eccentric, action was never forgiven by his proprietor. When Boyne retired a year later, he was given no farewell lunch and left (as was often the way with employees of the paternalistic *Telegraph* of those days) with nothing approaching adequate pension arrangements.

That may well have helped to explain why, at the age of 65, he almost immediately took a job as an usher at Marylebone County Court, where his entire demeanour fitted in admirably with the dignity of the prevailing legal ambience. He gave that position up in 1978 to work part-time in the Tory press office, succeeding Gordon Reece as Central Office's director of communications in 1980, a post he held until 1982. He was a member of the Police Complaints Commission from 1977 to 1980 and, before going to work full-time in Smith Square, was chairman of the Board of Visitors at Pentonville Prison.

Boyne would never have fitted comfortably into the contemporary world of political journalism. A reliable rather than a flashy performer, he was a throwback to a past when all lobby correspondents possessed excellent shorthand and saw it as their prime duty to get the decisions and views of politicians across to their readers. This commended them to the power structure they served — Boyne was appointed CBE seven years before he became a knight — but perhaps did rather less for a critical understanding of the political process on the part of the public outside.

A strong upholder of the sanctity and secrecy of the lobby system, Boyne always tended to bridle when younger colleagues sought to expose its abuses. A pillar of the *ancien régime*, he served as chairman of the Parliamentary Lobby Journalists, 1958-59, and chairman of the Press Gallery, 1961-62. In retirement he wrote an illustrated *History of the Houses of Parliament* (1982).

He married in 1935 Margaret Templeton of Dundee. She and a daughter survive him.

Latest wills

The Hon Mrs Margaret Joan **Price**, of Frankton, Rugby, Warwickshire, left estate valued at £1,517,474 net.

Lady Gillet, of London SW7, left estate valued at £125,000 net.

Viscountess Camrose (the former Princess Joan Aly Khan), of London SW1, left estate valued at £3,374,803 net.

Kathlyn, Lady Lacon, of Southwold, Suffolk, left estate valued at £73,502 net.

Sir Jocelyn Bodilly, former chairman of Industrial Tribunals for London South 1976-86, of Newlyn, Cornwall, left estate valued at £1,269,051 net.

Lady Murray, of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, left estate valued at £218,518 net.

Sir John Wordie, barrister, of Breamore, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, left estate valued at £498,197 net.

Sir John Watson Cameron, President J W Cameron and Co since 1977, of Cowesby Hall, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,046,219 net.

Lady (Elise) Cazalet, of Headbourne, Worthy, Winchester, Hampshire, left estate valued at £840,193 net.
She left shares in her estate to Sussex Housing Association for the Aged, the NSPCC and Barnardos.

Lady Bailey, of Worminghall, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £454,529 net.

Sir Thomas Lodge, consultant radiologist United Sheffield Hospitals 1946-74, of Hove, East Sussex, left estate valued at £197,372 net.
He left £1,000 to the Royal College of Radiologists

Lady Cooper, of Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire, left estate valued at £345,644 net.

Lady Coxen, of Torquay, Devon, left estate valued at £42,696 net.

Elinor, Viscountess Rochdale, of Lingholm, Portinscale, Keswick, Cumbria, left estate valued at £908,132 net.

Sigamar Bernd **Dunn**, of London SW15, left estate valued at £2,644,165 net.

Sir Frank Hartley, Vice-Chancellor, University of London 1976-78, of Easenhall, Warwickshire, left estate valued at £218,708 net.

Lady (Doris May) **Lickley**, of Walton on Thames, Surrey, left estate valued at £361,018 net.

Jean **Collison**, of Stratford Tony, Salisbury, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £3,639,507 net.
She left £5,000 to the NSPCC and the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

Iris Aubrey Emma **Gregory**, of Wimbledon, London SW19, left estate valued at £3,523,857 net.
She left £10,000 to the RNIB.

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He left £500 to St Mary's church, Radnage

Kenneth David **Robinson**, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, left estate valued at £1,971,423 net.
He left £250 each to the Benevolent Fund for the Institution of Civil Engineers and St Paul's church, Birmingham.

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Mildred Ann **Oliver**, of Altrincham, Cheshire, left estate valued at £2,048,566 net.

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ON THIS DAY

September 22, 1949

Conrad Adenauer (1876-1967) was the first Chancellor of the Federal Republic of West Germany, an office he held until 1963. During that period the country grew from a demoralised ruin to a prosperous land that played a leading role in the founding of the European Union

NEW ERA IN WEST GERMANY

END OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT

From Our Own Correspondent
BONN, Sept. 21

The last foundation-stone of the structure of the new Republic was laid to-day, when the régime of Military Government came to an end and the Allied High Commission formally assumed office. This transition was signalized by a short and simple, but deeply significant, ceremony at the Hotel Petersberg, the seat of the Commission, standing high on a hill and commanding wide views of the Rhine valley.

Above the Petersberg flew the Tricolor, the Stars and Stripes, and the Union Jack; near the main entrance the black-red-gold flag of the republic was hoisted. A guard of honour was mounted by the military police of the three Powers, and when Dr. Adenauer, the Chancellor, arrived with a number of Ministers, he was ceremonially received with a salute …

Having introduced the Ministers, the Chancellor addressed the High Commissioners. With the Federal Parliament and Federal Government, he said, a new epoch in German history since the war had opened. They were still not wholly free, but they woudl do what they could to crate the conditions which would enable the occupying Powers to apply the statute in a liberal and generous manner. It was hoped that the Powers would avail themselves of their authority to revise the statute, and so hasten political development.

Dr. Adenauer said that the Federal Government would tackle first of all the great social problems. Not until they had succeeded in converting the flotsam millions of refugees into settled inhabitants would Germany enjoy internal stability. The problem of the uprooted people was international, and the Chancellor asked the High Commissioners to urge their Governments to give closer attention to it. An opportunity for creating a viable European federation was offered by the hope that the control of the Ruhr would cease to be a one-sided arrangement and would grow into an organism embracing the basic industries of other European countries. "If," the Chancellor ended, "we return to the sources of our European civilization, born of Christianity, then we shall succeed in restoring the unity of European life in all fields of endeavour."

Mr François Poncet, who replied on behalf of the High Commissioners, spoke in terms of friendliest good will. Regretting that it was not possible to speak of Germany as a whole, he said: "Western Germany today possesses the instrument which should permit her to assume the direction of her own destiny." The statute would be revised all the more quickly and far-reachingly in proportion to the scrupulousness with which its provisions were observed. The High Commissioners hoped that the young German democracy, having become a factor for order and peace, would be able to take its place within the future organization of Europe. The High Commissioners signed the declaration of the entry into force of the Occupation Statute and the texts of six laws. One deals with the Press, wireless, information, and entertainment. It has been stiffened since the outcry about the re-emergence of the Nazi newspapers.

THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Fatherhood hope for cancer boys

■ The human fertility watchdog has authorised a treatment that could give boys who face cancer therapy that will render them sterile a chance of fathering children in later life.

The treatment will be used for the first time within a fortnight on a boy aged two who is suffering from a rare metabolic disorder that requires a bone marrow transplant and chemotherapy that will leave him sterile. Doctors hope the experimental procedure will bring hope to thousands of children who are surviving cancer, but face adulthood with no hope of having children of their own ..... **Page 1**

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Splits in the Liberal Democrat leadership over closer links with Labour threatened to overshadow the opening of the party's annual conference in Eastbourne ..... **Pages 1, 10**

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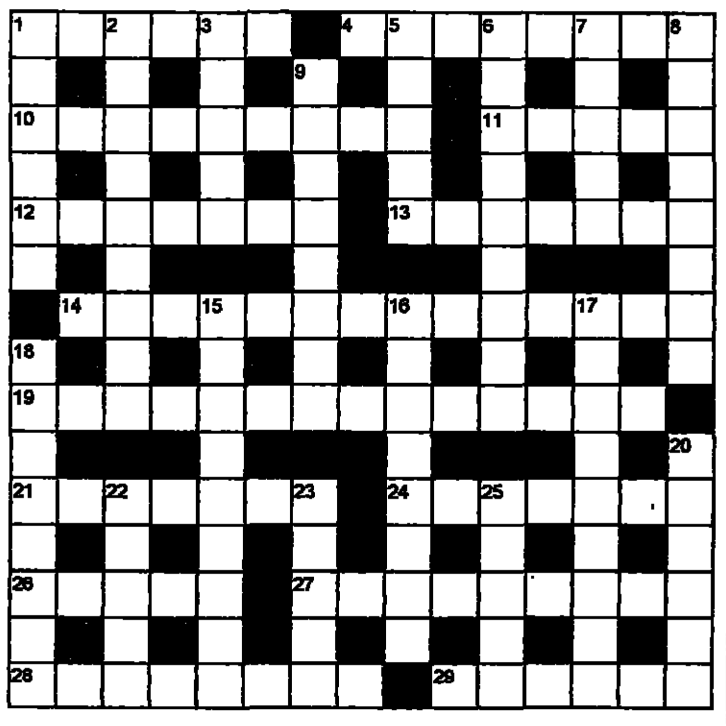

ACROSS

1 Haunt pupils once associated with name-dropping Head (6).
4 Characters in comprehensive set often in the soup? (8).
10 Glutton's gift from butcher? (4-5).
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FORECAST

A fine day with early mist and fog dispersing. Any fog in NE England and C Scotland will lift by mid-morning. Dry and sunny with light breezes and best of sunshine in eastern and central districts. N, NW Scotland mostly cloudy with showers Tonight drizzle in N Scotland should clear, elsewhere fine with light winds. Misty early with fog and low cloud, especially in E England and E and C Scotland

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Midlands:** Early mist patches, then dry with long sunny periods and becoming rather warm Moderate easterly wind Max 21C (70F)

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** Dry day with high clouds and hazy sunshine at times. Rather warm Moderate SE wind Max 19C (66F).

☐ **E England, Central N England, NE England, Borders, E'burgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** Early fog patches clearing by mid or late-morning, then fine and warm with long sunny periods Light variable wind. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland:** Early mist patches soon clearing, then mostly fine with high clouds and some hazy sunshine Becoming warm Light to moderate wind. Max 19C (66F)

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Mostly cloudy with drizzle. Moderate south-west wind Max 17C (63F)

☐ **Republic of Ireland:** Fine start, cloudy later. Rain in SW in late evening, wind SE moderate or fresh Warm. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Outlook**. Fine with high clouds and sunshine after mist, fog and cloud clears. Cold nights and mornings, warm afternoons.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale, h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.9	-	18	64	s
Anglesey	8.5	-	19	66	s
Aspatria	10.2	-	18	64	s
Aviemore	1.1	-	16	61	c
Belfast	6.8	-	19	66	s
Birmingham	9.3	-	17	63	s
Bognor R	8.9	-	19	66	s
Bournem'th	8.7	-	19	66	s
Bristol	9.2	-	19	66	s
Buxton	8.3	-	14	57	s
Cardiff	8.3	-	18	64	s
Clacton	9.1	-	15	59	s
Cleethorpes	5.0	-	16	61	b
Colwyn Bay	9.2	-	19	66	s
Cromer	0.5	-	15	59	c
Dunbar	6.5	-	17	63	s
Eastbourne	8.1	-	16	61	s
Eskdalemuir	6.0	-	19	66	s
Exmouth	8.5	-	17	63	s
Falmouth	-	0.09	16	61	sh
Fishguard	3.9	-	1966		
Folkestone	9.4	-	17	63	s
Glasgow	7.7	-	20	68	s
Guernsey	6.4	-	21	70	s
Hastings	9.2	-	18	64	s
Hayling I.	8.6	-	18	64	s
Herne Bay	9.1	-	17	63	s
Hunstanton	1.5	-	13	55	c
Isle-of-Man	7.3	-	16	61	s
Jersey	9.0	-	22	72	s
Kinloss	4.2	-	15	59	b
Leeds	9.4	-	18	64	s
Lerwick	0.7	-	11	52	c
Leuchars	9.6	-	18	64	s
London	9.3	-	19	66	s
Lowestoft	4.1	-	17	63	b
Manchester	8.2	-	17	63	s
Margate	8.2	-	18	64	s
Minehead	6.8	-	18	64	s
Morecambe	9.7	-	18	64	s
Newquay	-	-	17	63	c
Norwich	0.3	-	16	61	c
Oxford	8.7	-	18	64	x
Poole	7.9	-	19	66	s
Ross-o-wye	8.4	-	18	64	s
Salcombe	7.4	-	18	64	s
Saunton Snd	8.0	-	19	66	s
Shrewsbury	8.2	-	17	63	s
Skegness	1.5	-	15	59	du
Southend	8.7	-	17	63	s
Southport	8.8	-	18	64	s
Southsea	8.6	-	19	66	s
Stornoway	2.1	-	13	55	c
Swanage	8.1	-	17	63	s
Teignmouth	7.8	-	18	64	s
Tiree	0.3	-	16	61	c
Torquay	6.7	-	19	66	s
Tynemouth	-	-	17	63	s
West-s-mare	8.8	-	19	66	s
Weymouth	9.0	-	18	64	s

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	f
Akrotiri	25	77	f
Alex'dria	27	81	c
Algiers	25	77	f
Amst'dm	16	61	f
Athens	26	79	s
B Aires	15	59	f
Bahrain	36	97	s
Bangkok	32	90	f
Barbados	29	84	f
Barcelona	25	77	f
Beirut	27	81	f
Belgrade	19	66	s
Berlin	15	59	s
Bermuda	27	81	f
Biarritz	22	72	s
Borde'x	24	75	f
Brussels	17	63	s
Budapst	18	64	s
Cairo	33	91	s
Cape Tn	19	66	s
Ch'church	14	57	
Chicago	19	66	s
Cologne	17	63	s
Corfu	28	82	s
C'phagn	13	55	c
Dublin	15	59	f
Dubrovnik	22	72	s
Faro	25	77	s
Florence	27	81	s
Frankfurt	18	81	s
Funchal	23	73	c
Geneva	18	64	s
Gibraltar	25	77	f
Helsinki	11	52	c
Hong K	20	68	c
Innsbrck	18	64	s
Istanbul	20	68	f
Jeddah	35	95	s
Jo'burg	23	73	s
Karachi	X		
L Angels	23	73	s
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Le Tquet	18	64	s
Lisbon	23	73	s
Locarno	19	66	
Luxembg	17	63	s
Luxor	39	102	s
Madrid	26	79	s
Majorca	29	84	s
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Melb'rne	14	57	f
Mexico C	X		
Miami	28	82	s
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Montreal	11	52	f
Moscow	10	50	f
Munich	15	59	f
N Delhi	33	91	s
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Naples	X		
Nice	25	77	s
Oslo	17	63	s
Paris	19	66	s
Peking	23	73	s
Perth	20	68	f
Prague	13	55	s
Reykjavik	10	50	c
Rhodes	26	79	s
Rio de J	26	79	s
Riyadh	37	99	s
Rome	26	79	s
S Fr'sco	21	70	s
S Paulo	X		
Salzburg	16	61	f
Santiago	19	66	s
Seoul	22	72	s
Sing'por	31	88	c
St'kholm	14	57	c
Strasb'rg	18	64	s
Sydney	15	59	r
Tangier	27	81	s
Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Tenerife	27	81	s
Tokyo	21	70	c
Toronto	16	61	c
Tunis	24	75	r
Valencia	27	81	s
Vanc'ver	17	63	s
Venice	22	72	s
Vienna	15	59	s
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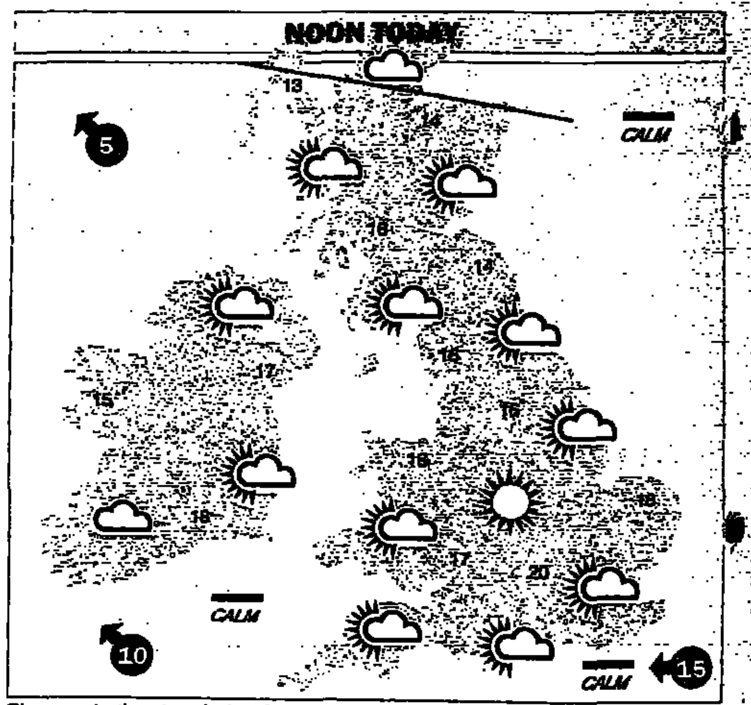

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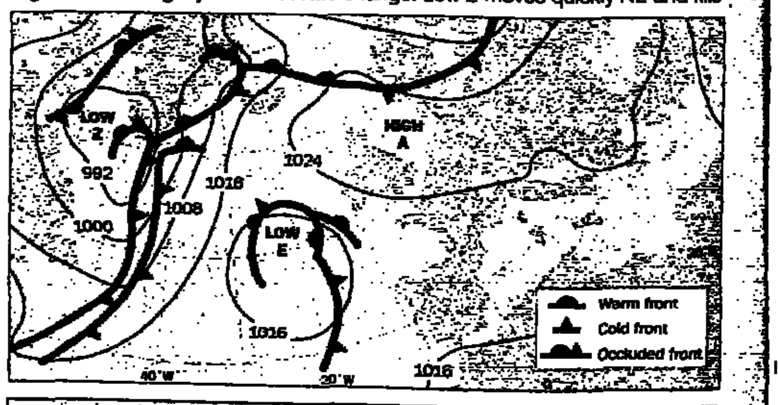

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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	06.22	7.0	18.39	7.0
Aberdeen	05.54	4.2	18.24	3.9
Avonmouth	11.43	12.2	-	-
Belfast	03.34	3.4	16.01	3.3
Cardiff	11.29	11.4	23.55	10.9
Devonport	10.28	5.2	22.52	5.0
Dover	03.22	6.4	15.42	6.4
Dublin (N Wall)	04.04	4.1	16.35	3.9
Falmouth	09.59	5.0	22.23	4.8
Greenock	04.58	3.7	17.12	3.6
Harwich	04.13	4.0	16.30	4.1
Holyhead	02.45	5.5	15.10	5.1
Hull (Albert D)	10.50	8.5	23.18	8.0
Ilfracombe	10.32	8.5	23.00	8.2
King's Lynn	10.55	6.4	23.21	5.9
Leith	07.18	5.4	19.45	5.1
Liverpool	03.34	8.2	15.56	8.7
Lowestoft	01.52	2.4	14.10	2.5
Margate	04.30	4.5	16.45	4.7
Milford Haven	10.51	6.4	23.18	6.2
Newquay	09.47	6.4	22.13	6.2
Oban	09.54	3.5	22.40	3.3
Penzance	09.10	5.1	21.35	5.0
Portland	11.12	1.9	23.34	1.7
Portsmouth	03.41	4.5	16.09	4.5
Shoreham	03.31	6.0	15.52	5.9
Southampton	03.09	4.5	15.36	4.4
Swansea	10.51	8.9	23.17	8.6
Tees	08.15	5.2	20.47	4.9
Walton-on-N	04.07	4.1	16.26	4.2

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

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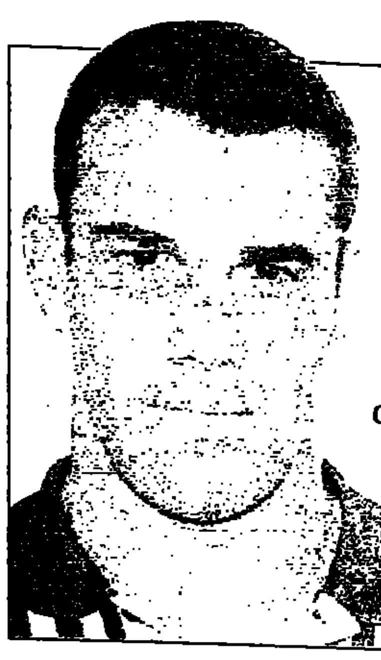

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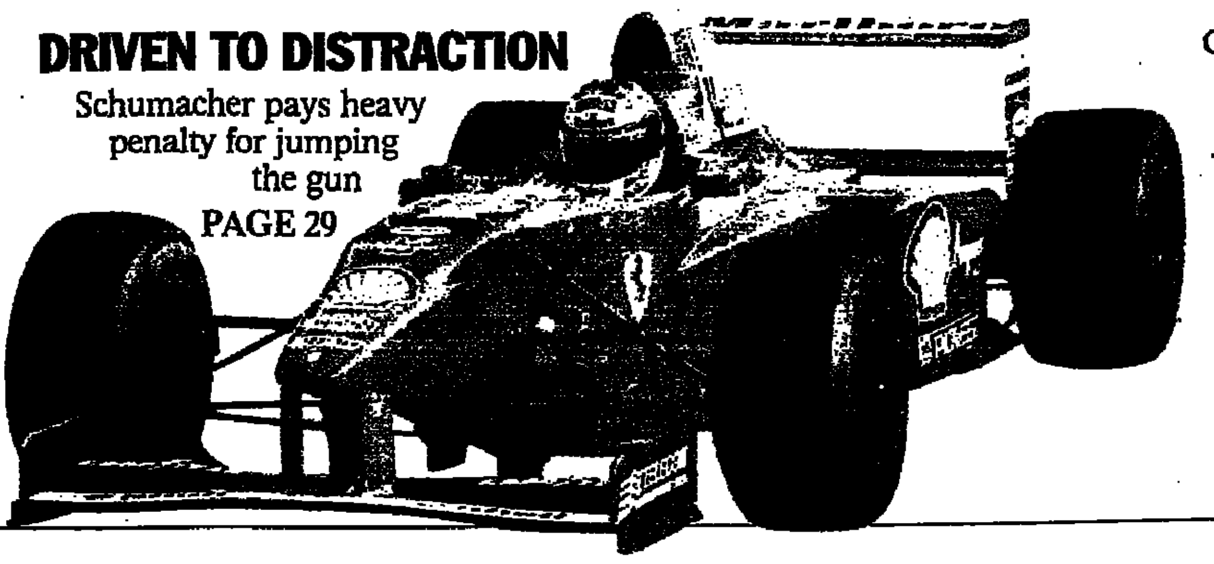

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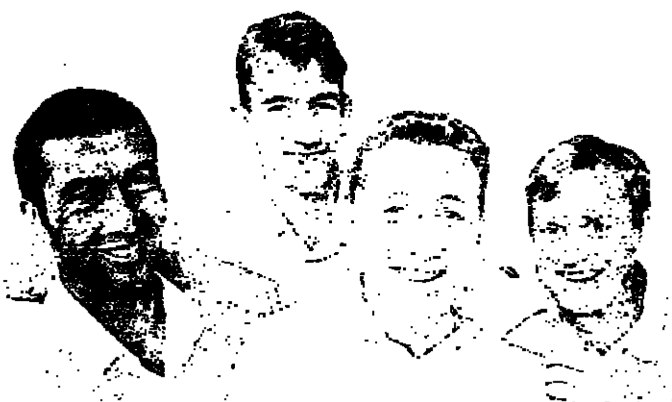

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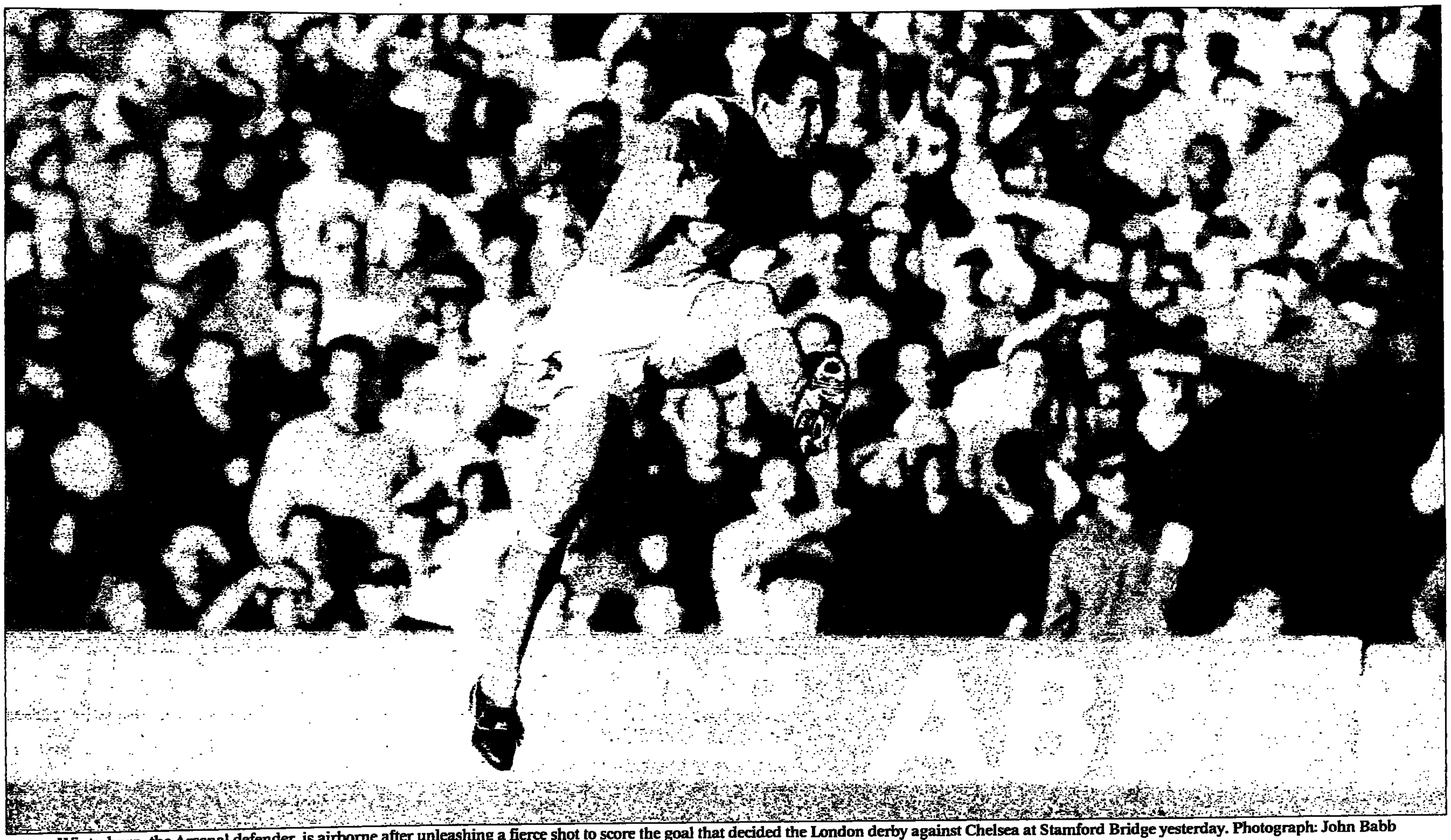
CHELSEA OUTGUNNED IN CAPITAL SHOOT-OUT



Winterburn, the Arsenal defender, is airborne after unleashing a fierce shot to score the goal that decided the London derby against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge yesterday. Photograph: John Babb

Winterburn strikes decisive blow

By Oliver Holt
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE phoney war that has marked the start of the FA Carling Premiership season, by keeping the strongest sides apart until the last days of this Indian summer, ended in the violent, juddering, blazing of the big guns at Stamford Bridge yesterday afternoon, when Arsenal scored a dramatic and controversial late win over Chelsea that took them to second place in the table.

Arsenal's victory, in a tie that has superseded their clashes with Tottenham Hotspur as the most important of the London derbies, came courtesy of a stunning finish from Nigel Winterburn. The Arsenal left back lashed home his first goal for 18 months two minutes from the end of a frantic match to secure a 3-2 victory.

As Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, punched the air in delight, the Chelsea team, which had been reduced to ten men by the sending off of Frank Leboeuf for a second bookable offence in the 68th minute, protested to Dermot Gallagher, the referee, that Wise had been prevented from challenging Winterburn by an off-the-ball trip by Petit.

A feud had been simmering between Petit and Wise since midway through the half, when the Chelsea midfield player felled the Frenchman with an innocent high kick. Wenger said afterwards, though, that Wise should have been sent off for a two-footed lunge on Vieira, so it was clear that he felt a form of justice had been achieved. To emphasise the physical nature of the match, Duberry, the Chelsea defender, was taken to hospital after the match with a suspected broken ankle.

It was always that sort of match — a trial of strength as much as skill, a game that was decided as much in the bad-tempered battles in midfield as it was in attack, where Bergkamp showed Arsenal just what they had missed when he refused to travel to Salonika for their Uefa Cup game last Tuesday because of his fear of flying.

CHELSEA	ARSENAL
2	3
Poyet 40 Zola 60	Bergkamp 45, 59 Winterburn 89

Attendance: 33,012

His return gave Arsenal the hint of supremacy that was the key to their victory, one that Wenger said was a big psychological boost, as it was his side's first game against a perceived championship rival.

"It was important for us to do well after our bad game in Greece," Wenger said. "We were too cautious in the first half. We did not take enough risks. But we had the experienced players there to calm us down when the play went through its violent moments and not to try to rush things when Chelsea were down to ten men. In the end, it came right for us and I am delighted. The sending-off was a turning point, because I did not feel we could lose after that.

"Psychologically, this was a very important result because we had not played against a team in the top five before and, for both us and Chelsea, it was important to know how we would play in that sort of situation."

A slow start, illuminated only by a sublime Bergkamp turn from a Dixon throw-in, a fierce Poyet shot that was blocked by Bould and a mazy Bergkamp run that left four players in his wake, changed tempo five minutes before half-time when Wise hit a deep cross from the right to Duberry at the back post. He headed the ball across the face of the goal to Poyet, who bundled it past Dixon on the line.

Three minutes later, Arsenal nearly equalised when De Goey had to dive smartly to keep out a Bergkamp header. On the stroke of half-time, though, the Holland striker went one better. Vieira chipped a ball to Wright, who guided it into Bergkamp's path with a beautifully weighted header and he slid it wide of De Goey.

Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea player-manager, brought on Mark Hughes for Gianluca Vialli in the 57th minute, and his arrival seemed to act as a call to arms for both teams. Arsenal acted first.

After Petit's shot was blocked and ricocheted into the air, Leboeuf and Duberry made a dreadful hash of trying to clear it and, when it fell to Bergkamp, he drove it into the bottom right-hand corner.

Before a minute had elapsed, Leboeuf chipped a ball through to Hughes on the right side of the Arsenal area. He curled a tantalising cross into the box, where Zola stole in on the back post to prod home the equaliser.

Leboeuf was sent off nine minutes later and for a long time it seemed as though that would stifle the game, as Gullit pulled Zola and Hughes back behind the ball and left only Flo in attack. They held on until the 88th minute, when Winterburn advanced unimpeded and fired a dipping, left-foot drive over De Goey and into the net.

Wenger used his post-match press conference to laud Bergkamp as a "world-class player who is at his peak"; Gullit to defend Wise good-naturedly against the allegation that he should have been sent off. "He went in two-footed," someone insisted. "I thought you were allowed to do that in England," Gullit smiled.

CHELSEA (3-5-2): E de Goey — P Hughes, F Leboeuf, M Duberry — D Petrescu (sub: M Nicholls, 46min), R di Matteo (sub: T Flo, 61), G Poyet, D Wise, G Le Saux — G Vialli (sub: M Hughes, 57), G Zola
ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, S Bould, A Adams, N Winterburn — R Parlour (sub: L Boa Morte, 87), P Vieira, E Petit, M Overmars (sub: G Grimandi, 89) — D Bergkamp, I Wright
Referee: D Gallagher

Wenger celebrates victory

"Look boss, if we fail to score again today, we'll play naked next week. Right lads?"

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GOLF: SCOT WARMS UP FOR RYDER CUP WITH COURSE RECORD AS BRITISH MASTERS GOES TO LAST PUTT

Turner keeps his nerve to hold off Montgomerie

By John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent

SHORT putts are not much fun at the best of times and Greg Turner faced one of five feet on the 72nd green at the Forest of Arden yesterday afternoon. If he holed it, he would win the One 2 One British Masters by one stroke. If he missed, he would be in a play-off with Colin Montgomerie, the dominant golfer in Europe, who had just produced one of his Sunday special rounds, a magnificent, record-setting 63, to close from eight strokes behind Turner to only one.

Turner had led by two strokes after 54 holes and was still ahead by the same margin after 70. He wobbled slightly by dropping one stroke on the 71st, and then hit his tee-shot into a bunker on the last. Now he needed all his nerve and, to his credit, he was not found wanting. He bravely sank the putt and thus claimed victory. A 70 gave Turner a total of 275, 13 under par. Montgomerie was 12 under and Mark Roe nine under.

So to Turner — the brother of Glenn, the former New Zealand cricket captain — go the victor's spoils, a matter of a cool £125,000, but to Montgomerie go the plaudits. This course, which had looked so desolate and drab in the rain earlier in the week, was bathed in sunshine as he made his way round it yesterday. Montgomerie looked nothing less than the golden boy of European golf.

At times on Sundays this year, his play has been wonderful, and so it was yesterday. The 63 counts as a course record because of an alteration made to the short 5th. When combined with his 67 on Saturday, it took him from two over par after 36 holes to 12 under afer 72, and he got through to the last two days only by the skin of his teeth, saving par from beneath a tree on the 9th.

"That is the best round I have played this year," Montgomerie said, placing it higher than the closing 62 — also a course record — which brought him a seven-shot victory in the Irish Open in July. "Seve [Severiano Ballesteros, the Europe Ryder Cup captain] will be delighted, I am sure, and the Americans would have been thrilled if I had missed the cut."

Montgomerie had seven birdies in his last round, two coming in the last five holes when he needed them most. He eagled the 17th for good measure. No wonder he was pleased with himself. It was the sort of golf that one expects from him, yet it was also the sort of golf that makes one want him to go to the United States and try his luck among the stronger fields there. That is the way he can progress even more. If he wins the order of merit for a record fifth time in succession, as he is now favourite to do, then the urge to see him compete regularly in the US will be even greater.

Montgomerie's Ryder Cup team-mates suffered mixed fortunes. Thomas Bjorn had his worst round of the week, a 73, to finish equal fourth, but Ignacio Garrido, Ian Woosnam and Darren Clarke had their lowest or their equal lowest. José María Olazábal was downcast after finishing one under par for 72 holes.

Ten years ago, Olazábal made his debut in the Ryder Cup at Muirfield Village and, in partnership with Ballesteros, won three of their four foursomes and four-ball matches. In the gallery then was his mother, watching anxiously, blobs of pride evident in her cheeks. She will be at Valderrama again this week, but Olazábal is pessimistic that she will witness such golf again.

He was asked what was wrong. "Everything," was the answer. "My mother had better be on the fairway," Olazábal said. "That is the safest place. My game is not there. It is reflected in the score, just one sub-par round in the past four. Everything is wrong, from tee to green."

It is just the opposite for Montgomerie, who goes to Valderrama in much the same rich vein of form as he left for Washington and the United States Open after winning at Slaley Hall.

"I have been 14 under par at the weekend. That is good," Montgomerie said. "When I start to relax and not worry about where the clubhead is at the top of the backswing, then I play well."

For Montgomerie, it is a case of "bring on the Americans". He cannot wait for the start of what will be his fourth Ryder Cup. "The American team is not as strong as we think," he said. "A lot of their players are beatable and have been beaten before. We are the 12 that Seve could have picked himself. We have every chance."

Montgomerie: record

FINAL SCORES

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

275: G Turner (NZ) 68, 71, 66, 70 **276:** C Montgomerie 72, 74, 67, 63 **279:** M Roe 65 74, 70 70 **280:** R Russell 64, 75, 71, 70, T Bjorn (Den) 69, 72 66, 73 **281:** P Price 71 68, 72 70; S Torrance 69 75 66, 71 **282:** P Sjoland (Swe) 68, 74, 71, 69 A Cabrera (Arg) 71, 75 67, 69, R Allenby (Aus) 71 73 69 69 **283:** D Clarke 71, 72 70 70, P O Malley (Aus) 69, 69, 72, 73, M Jonzon (Swe) 70, 72, 67, 74 **284:** K Eriksson (Swe) 70, 73, 73, 68 R Goosen (SA) 72, 69, 73, 70, P Quirici (Switz) 70 74 70, 70; S Struver (Ger) 69, 73, 71, 71, M James 71, 71, 67, 75 **285:** R Boxall 71, 72, 75, 67 J-L Guepy (Fr) 74, 70, 69, 72 R Claydon 68 76 69 72 **286:** P Hedblom (Swe) 67, 75 75, 69; J Townsend (US) 71, 71,72, 72 D Edlund (Swe) 69, 75, 70, 72 S Ames (Tri) 71, 72, 71, 72, G Orr 70, 71, 72, 73; T Gogele (Ger) 73, 72, 68, 73, D Gilford 71, 70 69, 76 **287:** D Chopra (Swe) 67, 75, 74, 71; J M Olazábal (Sp) 72, 73, 70, 72; S Scahill (NZ) 70, 72, 73, 72; B Davis 69, 73, 72, 73, S Luna (Sp) 72, 72, 70, 73

Turner sinks a testing putt on the final green to win at the Forest of Arden yesterday

Davies ends monopoly

From Patricia Davies in Cologne

LAURA DAVIES, the world No 3, won the Hennessy Cup at the Golf und Land-Club Koln, near here yesterday, breaking a streak of six successive Swedish victories on German soil and adding a new — and much-coveted — title to her collection.

"I'm absolutely delighted," Davies, who as a rookie had finished second in the first Hennessy in 1985, said. "Gilles Hennessy has been such a loyal sponsor and does so much for us that it's great to win his tournament. It was hard work out there and I never really felt comfortable, but I was very rarely in trouble off the tee and that's the key around a course like this."

At the halfway stage, Davies forecast that five under par would win. She was well out as fast greens and lush rough took their toll and the course was undoubtedly the winner on points.

On a sunny day with barely a breath of breeze, the course continued to pose problems and Davies managed to repel all challengers with a final round of 74, two over par, for a level-par total of 288. That left her one shot ahead of Anne-Marie Knight, of Australia, who came home in 33, three under par, to equal her best result in Europe.

The distinguished trio of Helen Alfredsson, the defending champion, Alison Nicholas, the US Open champion, and Lisa Hackney, the Midlander who is on the verge of being rookie of the year in the United States, shared third place on 290, a shot behind Knight.

Nicholas had moved to two under par with birdies at the first two holes and took the lead, briefly, when Davies dropped shots at the 1st and 3rd to drop back to level par. However, Nicholas lost momentum with bogeys at the 4th and 5th and Davies regained the lead when she hit a wedge to four feet at the 5th.

It was tight and tense until the finish but when Davies, who had five bogeys and three birdies, holed a testing three-footer for her par at the 17th, she had the luxury of knowing that a par five at the last would suffice.

Davies was not quite at her best but she owed her victory to an impressive 68 on Saturday that included eagle threes at the 2nd and the 11th. She chipped in from 60 feet at the former and hit a spectacular four-iron — it travelled 243 yards and finished five feet from the hole — at the latter.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hull on course to complete double

By Our Sports Staff

HULL, the first division champions, are on course to complete a double after beating Whitehaven 45-18 in their Premiership Trophy semi-final. They now face Huddersfield at Old Trafford next Sunday.

The match yesterday was full of drama, with Graeme Hallas, of Hull, and David Fatialofa, of Whitehaven, sent off after a scuffle in the 34th minute. Four minutes later, Stan Martin, the Whitehaven coach, was dismissed after an argument with the referee.

By then, Hull had put themselves into a commanding position, by storming into a 14-0 lead inside the first 11 minutes. Tries by Steven Holmes and Brad Hepi, plus three Mark Hewitt goals, gave them the perfect start.

Having established a 24-point lead at the interval, Mark Johnson, the Hull wing, kept up his impressive recent record with his eleventh touchdown in eight matches. Johnson ran 50 yards down the touchline, beating three defenders on the way.

Whitehaven kept battling bravely and struck back with tries by Aaron Lester and Lee Kiddi. Hull, though, finished off with three more tries.

Bradford Bulls, the Super League champions, began their rebuilding plans for next season yesterday by transfer-listing two of their championship-winning players. Paul Loughlin, the former Great Britain centre, and the Scotland wing, Gary Christie, were put up for sale as Matthew Elliott, the Bradford coach, stepped up the search for new blood.

"We couldn't agree on a new deal with Paul Loughlin and Gary Christie," Elliott said. "We haven't put a fee on them but we are in negotiations with a couple of clubs."

Bradford have been linked with Shaun Edwards, the London Broncos scrum half, Alan Hunte, of St Helens, and Paul Sculthorpe, the Warrington forward.

HOCKEY: CONTROVERSIAL DEFEAT DENTS HOME HOPES IN JUNIOR WORLD CUP

England need win after protest fails

By Sydney Friskin

ENGLAND, second in pool B, need a victory against Argentina today to improve their chances in the junior World Cup tournament at Milton Keynes. Argentina are fifth, on two points, but are improving with every game.

A 1-0 defeat by Germany on Saturday was the first setback for England, who unsuccessfully lodged a protest that a suspended German player had illegally entered the field. The wing half, Andreas Lante, had been sent off in the 54th minute for a dangerous tackle.

The tournament director accepted the German argument that they did not commit a deliberate offence but had mistaken the action of the umpire, who in summoning the stretcher bearers to remove an injured player had used the same signals for the recall of a suspended player.

Jon Royce, the England coach, said that he would not have complained if the Germans had been leading 2-0, but as the margin was only 1-0 and England were well in the game he thought his protest was justified.

The winning goal was scored in the eighteenth minute after a breakaway from a short corner. A centre from the left was pushed into goal by the outside right, Draguhn, with Ebsworth having no chance to save.

After that, England had as much chance of equalising as the Germans had of increasing their lead. In the first half, Pearn and Wicken lost control in good positions to score. Germany missed twice in the second half and held out against mounting pressure towards the end.

In pool A matches yesterday, a 1-0 victory by Belgium over Cuba was followed by a thrilling encounter between Australia and India, who shared four goals. Australia had the edge in the first half but were two goals down at the end of it. Australia then scored twice in the second half to draw.

Slough shrug off wayward finishing

By Cathy Harris

ENGLAND'S greatest failing at the World Cup qualifying tournament in Zimbabwe last month was their abysmal finishing. The opening day in the National League season proved no different, with the top sides all citing the same problem.

Slough, the champions, and Ipswich both made winning starts, but the Slough captain, Sue Chandler, complained that her team were not clinical enough in its 4-2 victory at Hightown, while Lucy Young, her Ipswich counterpart, said: "We were pleased to hit four past Doncaster but can do a lot better. There was a lapse in concentration either side of the break."

At Sutton Coldfield, the Clifton team coach, Pete Atwell, admitted that he would not have paid any money to watch a game that he said was a poor spectacle after the Bristol club came from a goal down to earn a draw with the Midlanders. Atwell added: "It's disappointing because we created sufficient chances and should have scored with two or three clear first-half opportunities."

Even the newcomers, Olton, who scored more goals than any other team last season, struggled with their shooting, squandering 13 penalty corners against Trojans. Sam Strange and Franca Gasparini twice shot Trojans ahead with Kerry Moore and Kristen Holmes, Olton's new international from the United States, levelling the scores.

Despite the widespread profligacy, the England coach, Maggie Souyave, will have been heartened by the performances of the Slough strikers, Mandy Nicholls and Jane Smith, who worked selflessly.

Tina Cullen, another England player who has failed to translate her outstanding club form to international level, showed why she is the league's all-time leading markswoman with two brilliant efforts for Hightown to reduce the final deficit.

SPORT IN BRIEF

United States reach Davis Cup final

THE United States will play Sweden in the final of the Davis Cup tennis tournament in November. Pete Sampras's victory over Patrick Rafter gave the United States an insurmountable 3-1 lead in their semi-final tie against Australia in Washington yesterday, while Sweden beat Italy 4-1 in their best-of-five series in Norrköping.

Sampras, the world No 1, used his overpowering service to subdue the US Open champion 6-7, 6-1, 6-1, 6-4 in two hours and twenty minutes. Sampras, who has said that he will play in the final in Sweden, has won eight Davis Cup singles matches in a row. His last defeat came when an ankle injury forced him to retire during his match against Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, in the 1994 semi-finals.

Sweden advanced to their second successive final when Jonas Bjorkman beat Renzo Furlan 4-6, 6-4, 6-0, 6-4. Thomas Enqvist then beat Omar Camporese 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 in the last rubber, which was shortened to three sets.

Plato philosophical

MOTOR RACING: Renault rounded off a highly successful season in the Auto Trader RAC Touring Car Championship with successive victories at Silverstone yesterday. The Williams-built Lagunas of Alain Menu, the newly-crowned champion, and Jason Plato, his rookie team-mate, both scored wins, but there was no love lost between the two drivers. Plato began the day with an outside chance of finishing second in the championship, but Menu passed him to win the first race, ensuring that Frank Biela, in an Audi, would take second place overall.

Plato held off a determined Menu for his second win of the year, to finish one point behind Biela. "To miss second by a point is disappointing, but we all know why it happened," Plato said. An unrepentant Menu said: "I've always said that I didn't care who was second."

Zimbabwe in control

CRICKET: New Zealand were in trouble at the close of play on the fourth day of the first Test in Harare. Zimbabwe declared their second innings on 311 for nine, setting a target of 403. Then Paul Strang and Adam Huckle took a wicket apiece as New Zealand reached 64 for two, still 338 runs behind, when bad light stopped play. Craig Spearman was caught behind by Andy Flower off Strang. Then, in the next over, Matt Horne tried to leave a ball from Huckle that came in to him and caught a glove on its way to Flower. Earlier, Grant Flower had become the first Zimbabwean to score a century in each innings, following his 104 with a 151.

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Baddeley appointed

BADMINTON: Steve Baddeley became one of the youngest chief executives in British sport and the spearhead of a mini-revolution when he was yesterday appointed as the head of the Badminton Association of England. Baddeley, 36, the former European and Commonwealth champion, has been given almost £1 million of National Lottery money to help to make England one of the leading badminton nations again. "It's a 1,000 per cent increase in what we had available to us. It's phenomenal," Baddeley said.

Thomson proves master

BOWLS: Andy Thomson, the world indoor singles champion in 1994 and 1995, looked a good bet to regain the title after winning the International Indoor Masters in Soham yesterday, dropping only one set on his way to victory. After defeating Greg Harlow, of Cambridgeshire, 7-3, 7-4, 7-2, Thomson revealed he had been working hard on his indoor game since he lost in the semi-finals of the English outdoor singles at Worthing last month.

Zulle increases lead

CYCLING: Pavel Tonkov, of Russia, clinched his second stage win in three days in the Tour of Spain yesterday although the overall leader, Alex Zülle, still looked sure of victory. The Swiss increased his lead to 2min 46sec after the fifteenth stage as a rainy day on the 1,120 metre-high Enol Pass in the Covadonga national park washed away any fleeting hopes that his rivals might have had.

Peberdy is on a roll

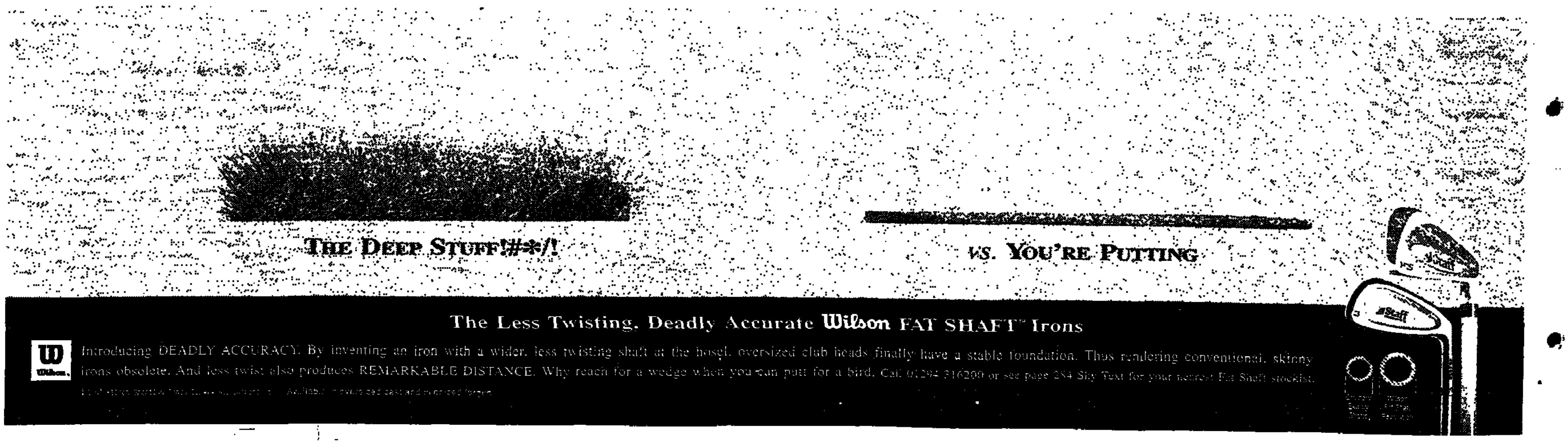
GYMNASTICS: The British champion, Katherine Peberdy, became the world tumbling champion when she scored 9.98 out of ten in the world sports acrobatics championship at Manchester yesterday. Emily Crocker and Neil Griffith won the silver medal for mixed pairs (29.70) and gold for the tempo routine (19.82). Great Britain won seven medals and finished fourth in the team event.

Roberts does enough

FELL RUNNING: Mark Roberts claimed his first English title after finishing seventh in the 13-mile (4,000ft) Three Shires Race in Cumbria. The race was won by his Borrowdale team-mate, Gavin Bland, who scored his third win in as many weeks. Mari Todd clinched her first women's championship by winning for the third time in the six-race series.

Fulford secures title

CROQUET: Robert Fulford yesterday overcame Simon Mulliner 3-1 to win the European championship in an all-English final. Fulford had defeated Poalo DiPetra, of Italy, and Matthew Burrow, 17, from Jersey, to reach the final. The title-holder, Simon Williams, of Ireland, beaten by Mulliner in a semi-finals, lost to Burrow in the third place play-off.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MOTOR RACING: SCHUMACHER PAYS FOR COSTLY ERROR AS CHAMPIONSHIP LEAD IS CUT TO ONE POINT

Villeneuve enjoys flag of convenience

FROM MICHAEL CALVIN
IN ZELTWEG

IT WAS a marginal misjudgment, an understandable mistake with far-reaching consequences. Michael Schumacher is likely to rue the *momentary* lapse that allowed Jacques Villeneuve to win the Austrian Grand Prix yesterday and reduce the German's world championship lead to a solitary point.

Schumacher failed to notice a yellow flag, waved to warn him of an accident at the Remus Kurve on the A-1 Ring, and overtook Heinz-Harald Frentzen. He was immediately ordered into the pits by the *three race stewards*, to serve a ten-second stop-go penalty that relegated him from third to ninth place.

He poured his anger and frustration into a stunning drive over the last third of the race, forcing his way past Damon Hill on the penultimate lap to claim sixth place, and a point. Villeneuve, though, who cruised to a comfortable win, nearly three *seconds ahead* of the runner-up, David Coulthard, knew he had seized the initiative in the duel for the title.

His Williams-Renault is better suited to the three remaining circuits — Nürburgring, Suzuka and Jerez — than Schumacher's Ferrari. "This was a very, very important win," Villeneuve said. "It was a crucial race. We have a better overall package than Michael and I am very confident for the rest of the season."

His willingness to tempt fate gives the misleading im*pression of a man under little* pressure. The strain of chasing Schumacher, the outstanding driver of his generation, is insidious, if well disguised. Revealingly, Villeneuve was on his intercom throughout the race, demanding information on Schumacher's progress from his pit crew.

Villeneuve had started poorly from pole position, suffering excessive wheelspin because he let the clutch out too *quickly. Mika Hakkinen* surged past — only to have his engine expire at the final bend of the first lap — and was followed by Jarno Trulli, *in his* Prost-Mugen-Honda, and the Stewart-Ford of Rubens Barrichello.

The race settled into a familiar pattern until the 38th lap, when Jean Alesi's Benetton was catapulted into the air by the Ferrari of Eddie Irvine. *He had taken the* inside line, but lost control when he hit Irvine's right rear wheel. When he returned to earth, he ploughed through the gravel trap, leaving a thin mist of dust that had not cleared when Schumacher came around, on the next lap.

He was pressurising Frentzen, who was being frustrated by Gerhard Berger's resistance to the humiliation of being lapped in his home grand prix, and did not see a marshall, on the *left-hand* side of the track, waving the flag.

Schumacher was furious with himself. The incident had uncanny echoes of the controversy at the 1994 British Grand Prix, when he claimed *that he failed to see a black* flag ordering his retirement from the race. One of the stewards yesterday, Peter Soche, a lawyer, was in charge that fateful afternoon, which led to Schumacher being disqualified.

His response to the self-imposed setback signalled his awareness of its significance. He argued, later, for more marshalls to be employed in *such circumstances, but knew* he had only himself to blame. "The penalty made me angry," he said. "I had to take risks. I had to go for it."

The 200,000-strong crowd, a vast swathe of Ferrari red that clashed with the rich green of the pine-clad hills, were entranced by his aggression and audacity. He harried Barrichello into a mistake, which sent the Brazilian's car careering across the gravel trap at the Jochen Rindt Kurve, and then set off in pursuit of Hill.

Hill's brakes were worn. His TWR Arrows Yamaha lacked acceleration, but Schumacher was in such inspired mood that he would have beaten him in a tractor. "I saw Michael behind me and thought he was far enough back for me to hold on," Hill said. "*I was just driving my* nuts off, but he slipped through."

It was another indication of *just how far Hill has to climb* to reclaim former glories. His compensation for another difficult afternoon was the reliability of the Jordan Puegeot drivers, Giancarlo Fisichella and Ralf Schumacher, who finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Schumacher's moral victory maintained his championship advantage and was a powerful statement of intent. However, *logic suggests that the title is* now Villeneuve's to lose. Helped by Frentzen's third consecutive third place, Williams have also regained the lead over Ferrari in the constructors' championship.

"I think I could have finished second without the penalty" Schumacher said, in a tone of grim resignation. "Obviously, I was concentrating on my fight with Berger and *Frentzen, but the flags should* be more visible. At least I managed to pick up a point." Now that a truce has been called in the phoney war of Formula One's silly season, the real fight begins.

DUSAN VRANIC

Hill, kept out of the points by Michael Schumacher, centre, chats with him and his brother, Ralf, right, after the race

DETAILS

RESULT: 1, J Villeneuve (Can, Williams-Renault) 71 laps, 1hr 27min 35 999sec; 2, D Coulthard (GB, McLaren-Mercedes) at 2.909sec, 3, H-H Frentzen (Ger, Williams-Renault) 3 692; 4, G Fisichella (It, Jordan-Peugeot) 12.127; 5, R Schumacher (Ger, Jordan-Peugeot) 31 859; 6, M Schumacher (Ger, Ferrari) 33 410; 7, D Hill (GB, Arrows-Yamaha) 37.207, 8, J Herbert (GB, Sauber-Petronas) 49 057, 9, G Morbidelli (It, Sauber-Petronas) 1min 08.455sec; 10, G Berger (Austria, Benetton-Renault) at 1 lap; 11, U Katayama (Japan, Minardi-Hart); 12, J Verstappen (Holl, Tyrrell-Ford) both at 2 laps, 13, P Diniz (Br, Arrows-Yamaha) lap 67; 14, R Barrichello (Br, Stewart-Ford) 64; *Not classified: 15, J Trulli (It, Prost Mugen-Honda)* 58, 16, J Magnussen (Den, Stewart-Ford) 58, 17, S Nakano (Japan, Prost Mugen-Honda) 57; 18, M Salo (Fin, Tyrrell-Ford) 48, 19, E Irvine (GB, Ferrari) 38, 20, J Alesi (Fr, Benetton-Renault) 37, 21, M Hakkinen (Fin, McLaren-Mercedes) 1 Excluded: T Marques (Br, Minardi-Hart) — underweight. Fastest lap: Villeneuve 1min 18 814sec

QUALIFYING: 1, Villeneuve 1min *10 304sec, 2, Hakkinen 1:10.398, 3, Trulli* 1:10.511; 4, Frentzen 1.10 670, 5, Barrichello 1 10.700, 6, Magnussen 1 10.893, 7, Hill 1 11 025, 8, Irvine 1:11 051, 9, M Schumacher 1 11.056; 10, Coulthard 1.11.076, 11, R Schumacher 1:11 186, 12, Herbert 1 11.210; 13, Morbidelli 1 11.261; 14, Fisichella 1 11.299; 15, Alesi 1:11 382; 16, Nakano 1.11.596; 17, Diniz 1 11 615; 18, Berger 1:11.620; 19, Katayama 1:12 036, 20, Verstappen 1 12.2308, 21, Marques 1.12 304, 22, Salo 1 14.246

THE RACE FOR THE WORLD DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	Australia	Brazil	Argentina	San Marino	Monaco	Spain	Canada	France	Britain	Germany	Hungary	Belgium	Italy	Austria Sept 21	Luxembourg Sept 28	Japan Oct 12	Europe Oct 26	TOTAL
M Schumacher (Ger)	6	2		6	10	3	10	10		6	3	10	1	1				68
J Villeneuve (Can)		10	10			10		3	10		10	2	2	10				67
H-H Frentzen (Ger)				10			3	6				4	4	4				31
D Coulthard (GB)	10					1			3				10	6				30
J Alesi (Fr)		1		2		4	6	2	6	1				6				28
G Berger (Austria)	3	6	1							10		1						21
G Fisichella (It)				3	1		4					6	3	3				20
E Irvine (GB)			6	4	4			4										18
O Panis (Fr)	2	4			3	5												15
J Herbert (GB)			3								4	3						14
M Hakkinen (Fin)	4	3	2			2	2			4								14
R Schumacher (Ger)			4					1	2	2	2			2				13
D Hill (GB)									1		6							7
R Barrichello (Br)					6													6
A Wurz (Austria)									4									4
J Trulli (It)										3								3
M Salo (Fin)					2													2
S Nakano (Japan)							1				1							2
N Larini (It)	1																	1

CONSTRUCTORS' WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Williams-Renault	98
2. Ferrari	86
3. Benetton-Renault	53
4. McLaren-Mercedes	44
5. Jordan-Peugeot	33
6. Prost-Mugen-Honda	20
7. Sauber-Petronas	15
8. Arrows-Yamaha	7
9. Stewart-Ford	6
10. Tyrrell-Ford	2

Villeneuve celebrates his important victory yesterday

SPEEDWAY

Hancock on top of the world over Loram win

BY TONY HOARE

GREG HANCOCK was crowned world champion in Vojens, in Denmark, on Saturday on a night when Mark Loram ended Britain's three-year wait for a grand-prix winner. Hancock, who rides in the British Elite League for *Coventry, kept his composure* in impressive fashion to succeed Billy Hamill, his close friend and team-mate, as world No 1. He becomes the fifth American rider to take the world title.

Hamill's sixth place on the night gave him the world championship silver medal and a memorable one-two for the Team Exide racing organisation, which the pair *launched at the start of last* season.

Hancock, 27, had showed his determination to win the title right from the opening grand prix in the Czech Republic in May, when he finished third in the main final. He said: "This is a *lifetime dream for me.* I just can't say how I feel right now. It is better than I expected it to be. It has been my ultimate goal to win the world championship and here I am now looking at the title."

While the champion's plaudits went to Hancock, Britain could finally celebrate a grand-prix victory thanks to Loram, who stormed to success in the main final after a typically enterprising performance.

With his victory, Loram, the British champion, erased *some painful memories.* He was top qualifier for the British Grand Prix this year, at his home track Bradford, but started badly in the main final and finished fourth. This time there was no mistake as Loram, 26, moved wide around the outside on the opening bend to claim Britain's first grand-prix win after 18 attempts.

Loram, who has qualified *for five main finals in the past* three years, said: "It's about time we had a British rider on top of the rostrum. I was so disappointed after Bradford, but this makes up for it."

Tomasz Gollob, of Poland, took the world championship bronze medal, two points clear of Tony Rickardsson, of Sweden, who picked himself up from a nasty spill to finish second on the night.

Loram's victory earned him fifth place in the world championship but Chris Louis and Andy Smith, Britain's other competitors, face a trip to the last-chance qualifying meeting to try to keep their places after finishing below eighth place in the championship.

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BASKETBALL

Newcastle rally to record first victory

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

IF THE pressure is on Craig Lynch to succeed as coach to Newcastle Eagles, it comes not from Sir John Hall but Lynch himself. "That's the kind of guy I am. I put pressure on myself because I am so competitive." Lynch explained after the Eagles had completed a spectacular recovery to record their first win of the season, 89-82, against Thames Valley Tigers at Bracknell.

"There's no pressure from Sir John. He invited my wife and I to a football game when we arrived and everything's fine with him." For all that, the last thing Lynch wanted was to have to inform Sir John that, under its new coach, *hired in the summer,* the basketball section of his Newcastle Sporting Club empire was without a win in three attempts.

So it was on Saturday that the Eagles came back from 15 points down to lead by 18, before surviving a Tigers comeback that brought 12 successive points. The turning-point was the third quarter, which the Eagles took 27-8. "I made a few adjustments," Lynch said. Most of all, his team increased their defensive intensity, helped by the absence through an aggravated back strain of Jason Siemon in their opponents' court.

That left Teny Holley to hit 29 points in vain for the Tigers, who succumbed to the 34 for the Eagles of Rob Phelps. He was well supported by Peter Scantlebury, the England captain contributing 13 on an emotional return to the court that he graced for so long. He received a presentation at half-time for his services to the club, from Mick Bett, his former coach.

London Towers prepared for their daunting task against Milan at Wembley in the European Cup tomorrow with an impressive 76-71 win over Manchester Giants in front of an 8,000 crowd in the Nynex Arena.

When Michael Brown connected with four three-pointers in the opening quarter, Towers could have been forgiven for believing that they were heading for a repeat of last season's acute embarrassment on the same court. Then, only 48 points came their way.

This time, Brown added only one more basket and, by the time Brett Larrick sunk two three-pointers late in the final quarter, Danny Lewis had made the game safe for the Towers. The American's haul of 11 successive points, including nine from the free-throw line, took him to 27 and gave his side a winning 76-65 advantage.

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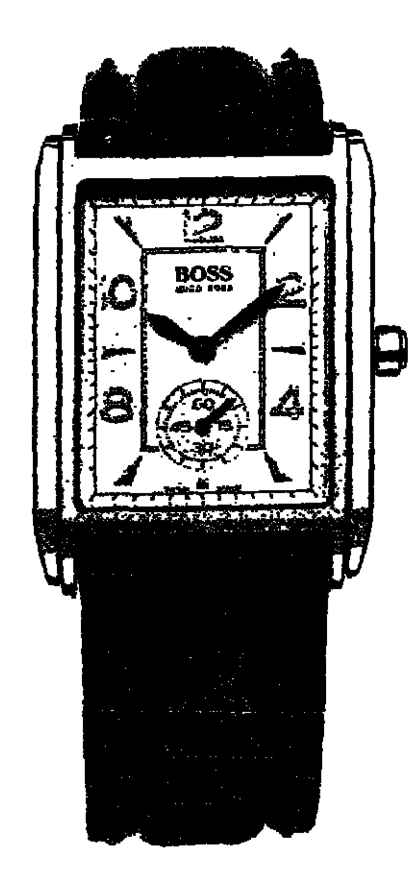

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Rousing send-off makes early stages far from plain sailing

Edward Gorman *sees the Whitbread fleet enjoy an eventful start to their epic voyages, notably the British and Norwegian crews*

THOUSANDS of people in hundreds of boats turned out on the Solent yesterday to give the ten-strong Whitbread round-the-world race fleet a rousing send-off at the start of their 31,600-mile nine-stop race, which finishes in Southampton next May.

The Solent was teeming with yachts and motorboats of all kinds, as the Red Arrows put on a pre-start display, flying just above the mastheads of the biggest boats. With the sun shining and the breeze blowing out of the east at *15-20 knots, everything was* set for a classic downwind start at the beginning of the 7,350-mile first leg to Cape Town.

The main danger for the skippers was crashing into spectator boats as the Solent became a cauldron of churning water. The Whitbread 60s, setting big masthead spinnakers, were surrounded as they made their way westwards out *of the Solent and through the* Needles Channel with the first of the spring ebb tide.

When the Duke of York fired the starting gun on the battlements below the Royal Yacht Squadron just after 2pm, it was Paul Cayard, the veteran America's Cup skipper from the United States, at the wheel of unfancied *EF Language* who made the most courageous start.

Cayard opted for the squadron end of the line and then headed up the Isle of Wight shore where the tide turns earliest. With hundreds of spectator craft in his way, it was a risky decision but it paid off as the yellow spinnaker on Cayard's yacht led the charge out of the Solent at speeds of 12 to 14 knots.

Also starting well was Grant Dalton, of New Zealand, on *Merit Cup*, who opted for a more middle-of-the-line start and then showed good speed to leeward of *Cayard. Behind them up the* shore was his fellow New Zealander, Chris Dickson, in *Toshiba*, who damaged a runner when he briefly collided with a spectator boat that itself hit a navigation mark.

Great Britain's entry, the purple and white shark-covered *Silk Cut, opted for the* most conservative start at the pin end of the line where her skipper, Lawrie Smith, probably hoped that he would stay out of the worst of the chaos. The British boat did not make the best of it, however, as the crew struggled to set their spinnaker that was trapped in its bag after the zip jammed. The sail was finally bent to the breeze about a minute after the other boats.

Silk Cut immediately lifted at the bow and planed westwards with Gordon Maguire at the wheel and Smith crouching on the port quarter. *Neal McDonald was trimming* the mainsail, while ahead of him Tim Powell trimmed the big spinnaker.

While Smith, who carries Britain's best hope of a Whitbread win for years, might have wished for a better start, he was more fortunate *than Knut Frostad, the Norwegian skipper of Innovation Kvaerner*, who watched his spinnaker blow out at the head 15 minutes after the start.

The boat had started well and was lying fourth when she had to alter course to avoid a collision with a spectator craft that powered up the sail and ripped it. The Norwegians lost precious speed getting what remained of it down and, by the time they hoisted a replacement, they had slipped to last.

At Hurst Castle, at the entrance to the Needles Channel, where thousands more spectators had gathered, Cayard, on an increasingly shy reach, had a lead of 20 *seconds over Dalton* with Dickson a further 20 seconds back. Smith was lying in eighth place, nearly 2½ minutes adrift of the leader. At St Alban Head, three hours after the start, Dickson had overtaken Cayard, who was in second place, with Dalton third.

Among those happiest to see the fleet on their way was the race director, Ian Bailey-Willmot, who is overseeing his last Whitbread. Just before the start, he talked about how difficult it is to pick a winner in this, the most competitive Whitbreads.

"There are so many startlingly good people out there that I think the race isn't going to be over until it is over this time," he said. "I reckon the winner will be drawn from about five boats. But I wouldn't bet on any of them. There are so many things that can go wrong."

The fleet sets sail on the 7,350-mile leg to Cape Town

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CRICKET

Fitting finale as Lancashire pair cling on

By Pat Gibson

BRISTOL (final day of four): Gloucestershire (9pts) drew with Lancashire (8)

IF ANYONE at the County Ground yesterday did not know why Gloucestershire are still waiting for their first county championship since the days of W G Grace, they got the answer in the final, frustrating moments of the season. Gloucestershire simply could not finish off Lancashire, just as they have been unable to finish off so many other sides this summer.

They had set Lancashire a victory target of 288 in what turned out to be 72 overs and, despite a high-quality 78 from John Crawley and substantial contributions from Neil Fairbrother and Ian Austin, had every chance of winning when they reduced the visiting team to 232 for seven with 11 overs remaining.

What happened next demonstrated precisely why they want Courtney Walsh back as their overseas player next season instead of Shaun Young, the Australian all-rounder. Young was left to patrol the boundary as though Gloucestershire had already written him off, while the two spinners, Ball and Davis, tried to prise out the tail.

They were not quite up to it. They did pick up a wicket apiece, but the last pair of Chapple and Keedy held out for more than two overs with nine fielders clustered round the bat.

Gloucestershire, who were up with the leaders until they lost their previous three games, have to settle for seventh place and £8,000 in prize-money. It was still a more praiseworthy effort than that of Lancashire, who, let it be noted, finished tenth, which would have consigned them to the second division had a two-tiered county championship been introduced on the basis of the table this season.

The final day also offered a fair summary of Lancashire's campaign. They seemed to be favourites when Gloucestershire resumed only 174 runs ahead with three wickets left, but they lost the initiative to Mark Alleyne, the Gloucestershire captain, before the dew was off the grass.

Alleyne struck Keedy for four and six in the first over to pass 1,000 runs in a season for the fifth time and dominated an eighth-wicket stand of 119 in 32 overs before his partner, Davis, was caught behind off Chadford for 39. Alleyne was unbeaten on 82, plundered off 107 balls with three sixes and nine fours, when he declared at 228 for eight.

It was a sporting enough declaration on a flat wicket, but the Gloucestershire tails were up from the first over after lunch when Mike Smith gave their supporters the wicket they had been waiting for. They are still grumbling about the way Michael Atherton neglected to give Smith the new ball in his solitary Test at Headingley, so they were overjoyed when he employed the left-armer's classical inswinging delivery to bowl the England captain through the gate.

Wood went next, caught at slip in Davis's second over, but Crawley and Fairbrother put on 82 in 19 overs for the third wicket.

Then the game swung dramatically in the space of three overs. Crawley, having batted beautifully for his 78 off 99 balls with 15 fours, was leg-before trying to pull Lewis over mid-wicket, and Harvey and Watkinson were run out.

Fairbrother, Austin and Hegg kept up the chase but when Hegg was brilliantly caught by Ball, arguably the best slip-fielder in the country, high to his right off Smith, Lancashire settled for frustrating Gloucestershire.

The umpires, Barrie Meyer and Jack Bond, drew stumps for the last time after their emotional farewell in a match involving their old counties. They would probably have settled for the draw, too.

Saeed Anwar, the Pakistan opening batsman, looks back at his stumps after being dismissed by Abey Kuruvilla, of India, in the fourth Sahara Cup match in Toronto on Saturday. India won by seven wickets. Scoreboard, page 41

Barnett ends stormy season in style

By Michael Henderson

DERBY (final day of four): Derbyshire (24pts) beat Yorkshire (3) by nine wickets

THIS has been a miserable and at times harrowing season for Derbyshire but it ended with a terrific rainbow. The Peakites beat Yorkshire, who were championship contenders only a week ago, out of sight and, allied to earlier victories over the Australians and Lancashire, they can say that the summer has not been entirely without merit.

It was only their nineteenth championship victory against Yorkshire, who have won 99 of the matches between the clubs. The win cannot disguise the team's overall lamentable performance this year or wish away the internecine wars that belong more properly in a Sicilian village. But it does mean they can take their season's leave on a note of relative harmony.

Derbyshire had three heroes in this match, two old sweats and a young man who has yet to find his feet. Kim Barnett, the central figure of the drama this season, made an unbeaten 210 and shared in the highest stand in the club's history, 417, with Tim Tweats, whose 189 was his maiden century. Phillip DeFreitas, the outgoing captain, who has complained about not being given a fair crack of the whip, gave them ten wickets as a parting gift.

When Yorkshire were bowled out for 267 yesterday — the same score they had made on the first day — Derbyshire had to make 62 to win and they got there easily. It was appropriate that Barnett and Tweats were together at the end, for it was their remarkable stand that did most to win the game.

What a way Barnett chose to bring down the curtain! As somebody said: "This summer he has got rid of the captain, the coach, the chairman and the cricket chairman." Now he has ended it by making his 52nd hundred for Derbyshire, strengthening his club record, and passing 1,000 runs in a season for the fourteenth time, another club record. He was on the field for every ball of this game, not bad for a 37-year-old.

The 417 stand for the second wicket was not only the best in Derbyshire's 127-year history, it was also the highest made at the ground and the highest made for the second wicket against Yorkshire.

DeFreitas and Harris broke the back of the innings by sharing four of the first five wickets. There was some peculiar batting before lunch, as Yorkshire embarked on a policy of hit-or-bust, represented most clearly by Lehmann's 45 from 31 balls.

There were not many hits, though Parker, Silverwood and Fisher, who looks an uncommonly assured No 10, made sure that Derbyshire at least had to bat again, however briefly. DeFreitas took six wickets in the innings, and returned match figures of ten for 172. At a difficult time for the club he has not let them down.

It is not true to say that Barnett dispensed with the quarrelsome foursome, though his is still a powerful voice within the club. He did, after all, captain the side for 13 years. Derbyshire's handling of sensitive matters was so maladroit that casualties were unavoidable, and Dominic Cork's promotion to captain has ensured that everybody remains on storm alert.

So, here's to 1998. "Dogger, German Bight, Finisterre . . .

Sussex are denied consolation at the last

By Jack Bailey

HOVE (final day of four): Sussex (8pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (9)

IT COULD have happened in *Tom Brown's Schooldays*: the underdogs, after a dismal season, rising to the challenge of scoring 356 to win at better than four an over. But this is the real world. Sussex, already assured of the championship wooden spoon in the light of Derbyshire's victory over Yorkshire, were denied one last triumph by a Nottinghamshire team that, for all their good points, scarcely deserved to win.

Yesterday, their fielding was not only suspect but distinctly vulnerable under pressure. Keith Newell who, with Toby Peirce, kept Sussex on the fringes of the hunt, was dropped twice — on eight and 57. Peirce made a worthy 90, but should have been caught and bowled by Franks when 19. Numerous run-out chances were missed as Sussex kept going until only three wickets remained with 78 still needed from nine overs.

The early-morning exchanges provoked little incident. Johnson took toll of friendly spin bowling for his second half-century in the match. Afzaal tried to do the same, but this is not his style and Carpenter's slow left-arm defeated and bowled him. By the time Johnson declared, Notts had added 68 to their overnight 147 and Sussex were set a reasonable, but in their case unlikely 356 to win off 82 overs.

There were moments that promised Sussex victory. After his escape, Peirce mowed with great effect across the line of Richard Bates's off spin. Newell survived his first chance and settled down with Peirce to take Sussex to tea at 199 for two off 51 overs, the game very much on. Any sense of well-being among Sussex supporters was soon replaced by doubt, however. Newell hit the ball back at Afzaal, there was a deflection on to the stumps and Peirce, backing up, was run out. Newell rode his luck, but found nobody who could both stay with him and score freely enough.

Boon takes a swing at county pitches

By Ivo Tennant

LEICESTER (final day of four): Leicestershire (21pts) beat Durham (4) by 17 runs

THE sense of optimism that pervaded Durham when a much-respected Australian arrived to be their captain at the start of the season was not entirely misplaced. Yesterday, they had a brave stab at winning a championship match away from the North East for the first time for two years, narrowly failing to reach their target of 328. David Boon himself made 93 and John Morris 84.

Boon, judging each ball with familiar meticulous care, faced 173 balls and struck 17 fours. Morris, in his spasmodically brilliant way, added 149 with him in 29 overs. Millns finished with six wickets.

Durham ended the season second from bottom in the championship, an improvement on last year. Boon knew what he was taking on, but realises he had been optimistic in aiming to finish mid-table.

He told the player-of-the-year dinner last week how keen he was to return to Durham next season. "I have not found playing all the time to be as hard as I expected," he said. "I have been frustrated because I have seen a lot of talent here. We have to become more consistent and work on acquiring a greater sense of self-belief."

He has not been wholly satisfied with his own form, having not quite reached 1,000 runs. The pitches, he feels, have not been good enough. "England will not make any progress if we go on playing on the kind of surface, green in the middle and bare at both ends, that we encountered at Scarborough," Boon said.

"I do not agree with having two divisions for the championship. If the bottom sides cannot play the ones at the top, they will not learn and will stay where they are. If a player is in the second division, his chances of Test cricket will diminish. I did not hear too much whingeing about the system when England were beating Australia ten years ago. What is needed is an improvement in pitches and in the bowling on those pitches."

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Yorkshire

DERBY (final day of four): Derbyshire (24pts) beat Yorkshire (3) by nine wickets

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 267 (R J Blakey 76, D Byas 56, P A J DeFreitas 4 for 74)

Second Innings

*D Byas b DeFreitas	13
M P Vaughan c Cassar b Harris	4
D S Lehmann c Spendlove b Cassar	45
A C Morris c sub b DeFreitas	0
B Parker c Cassar b DeFreitas	73
†R J Blakey c Aldred b Harris	5
A McGrath c Aldred b DeFreitas	21
G M Hamilton c Krikken b DeFreitas	13
C E W Silverwood c sub b DeFreitas	40
I D Fisher c Tweats b Harris	37
P M Hutchison not out	3
Extras (b 4, lb 7, nb 2)	13
Total	267

FALL OF WICKETS 1-6, 2-42, 3-42, 4-78, 5-91, 6-139, 7-186, 8-187, 9-249

BOWLING DeFreitas 22-5-98-6; Harris 16.4-3-66-3; Cassar 10-1-68-1; Smith 7-2-24-0; Clarke 1-1-0-0

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

K J Barnett not out	210
†K M Krikken c Blakey b Silverwood	6
T A Tweats c Lehmann b Hutchison	189
V P Clarke c Blakey b Hutchison	8
B J Spendlove not out	15
Extras (b 10, lb 25, w 2, nb 8)	45
Total (3 wkts dec, 117 overs)	473

T Smith, M E Cassar, *P A J DeFreitas, P Aldred, S J Lacey and A J Harris did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-13, 2-430, 3-452

BOWLING Silverwood 21-3-77-1; Hutchison 27-4-130-2; Fisher 20-4-29-0; Hamilton 14-3-67-0; Morris 15-3-56-0; Vaughan 14-3-48-0; Lehmann 6-0-21-0

Second Innings

K J Barnett not out	25
†K M Krikken c Blakey b Silverwood	17
T A Tweats not out	21
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (1 wkt)	64

FALL OF WICKET 1-19

BOWLING Silverwood 5-0-28-1; Hutchison 4-0-23-0; Lehmann 1.2-0-12-0; Fisher 1-1-0-0

Umpires A Clarkson and D J Constant

Essex v Middlesex

CHELMSFORD (final day of four): Essex (9pts) drew with Middlesex (10)

ESSEX: First Innings 271 (A P Cowan 77, S G Law 63, T F Bloomfield 5 for 77)

Second Innings

*P J Prichard c Brown b Hewitt	3
D D J Robinson c Shah b Johnson	134
N Hussain c Brown b Hewitt	104
S G Law c Brown b Hewitt	1
R C Irani c Weekes b Hewitt	0
D R Law c Johnson b Tufnell	26
A P Cowan c Weekes b Tufnell	1
M C Ilott c Shah b Nash	2
†B J Hyam not out	2
A P Grayson not out	7
Extras (b 5, lb 4, w 10, nb 2)	21
Total (8 wkts dec)	301

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-216, 3-218, 4-220, 5-283, 6-288, 7-290, 8-293

BOWLING Fraser 20-5-52-0; Hewitt 12-2-31-4; Bloomfield 6-1-23-0; Tufnell 29-6-63-2; Weekes 11-0-53-0; Johnson 18-1-62-1; Nash 1-0-8-1

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

*M R Ramprakash c Robinson b Ilott	2
P N Weekes lbw b D R Law	26
R L Johnson c Hyam b Cowan	15
M W Gatting b Ilott	14
O A Shah b Such	37
D C Nash c Irani b Ilott	100
†K R Brown c Irani b Such	8
J P Hewitt c Robinson b Ilott	75
A R C Fraser c Hussain b Cowan	5
P C R Tufnell c S G Law b Cowan	0
T F Bloomfield not out	0
Extras (b 7, lb 13, w 2, nb 2)	24
Total (113.1 overs)	306

FALL OF WICKETS 1-30, 2-34, 3-50, 4-86, 5-112, 6-128, 7-297, 8-306, 9-306

BOWLING Ilott 28-8-63-4; Cowan 26.1-5-84-3; D R Law 13-5-31-1; S G Law 5-4-1-0; Such 23-2-65-2; Grayson 18-2-42-0

Second Innings

R L Johnson b Ilott	12
P N Weekes c Hyam b Cowan	0
*M R Ramprakash c Robinson b Ilott	3
M W Gatting b Grayson	27
O A Shah not out	54
D C Nash b D R Law	23
†K R Brown not out	6
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 4)	14
Total (5 wkts)	139

FALL OF WICKETS 1-10, 2-14, 3-21, 4-67, 5-128

BOWLING Ilott 11-1-37-2; Cowan 5-0-20-1; Grayson 9-5-20-1; Such 9-3-16-0; S G Law 8-2-32-0; D R Law 2-1-4-1

Umpires N T Plews and R Palmer

Gloucestershire v Lancashire

BRISTOL (final day of four): Gloucestershire (9pts) drew with Lancashire (8)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 362 (S Young 100, I D Austin 4 for 44)

Second Innings

D R Hewson b Watkinson	42
M G N Windows c Hegg b Chapple	0
T H C Hancock c Chapple b Keedy	24
R I Dawson c Atherton b Keedy	18
S Young c and b Watkinson	7
*M W Alleyne not out	82
†R C Russell c Wood b Keedy	3
M C J Ball c and b Watkinson	1
R P Davis c Hegg b Shadford	39
J Lewis not out	5
Extras (b 1, lb 6)	7
Total (8 wkts dec)	228

FALL OF WICKETS 1-1, 2-39, 3-84, 4-92, 5-93, 6-96, 7-97, 8-216

BOWLING Chapple 14-1-40-1; Austin 12-6-14-0; Keedy 21-0-101-3; Shadford 7-0-31-1; Watkinson 10-2-35-3

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

N T Wood c Ball b Smith	3
M A Atherton c Russell b Lewis	69
D J Shadford lbw b Smith	3
J P Crawley lbw b Smith	9
N H Fairbrother b Davis	61
M E Harvey c Russell b Alleyne	25
*M Watkinson b Lewis	4
I D Austin c Young b Lewis	0
†W K Hegg c Hancock b Lewis	8
G Chapple c Young b Lewis	12
G Keedy not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 7)	9
Total (78.3 overs)	203

FALL OF WICKETS 1-20, 2-24, 3-43, 4-139, 5-171, 6-179, 7-179, 8-189, 9-199

BOWLING Smith 20-7-35-3; Lewis 22.3-9-55-5; Ball 15-5-33-0; Alleyne 6-2-17-1; Hancock 5-2-16-0; Davis 10-1-38-1

Second Innings

N T Wood c Ball b Davis	24
M A Atherton b Smith	3
J P Crawley lbw b Lewis	78
N H Fairbrother c Dawson b Davis	43
M E Harvey run out	1
*M Watkinson run out	1
I D Austin c Ball b Davis	53
†W K Hegg c Ball b Smith	21
G Chapple not out	6
D J Shadford st Russell b Ball	1
G Keedy not out	0
Extras (lb 10, nb 4)	14
Total (9 wkts)	245

FALL OF WICKETS 1-15, 2-64, 3-146, 4-154, 5-155, 6-191, 7-232, 8-243, 9-244

BOWLING Smith 12-4-41-2; Lewis 14-4-45-1; Davis 19-6-59-3; Ball 21-5-63-1; Alleyne 5-0-21-0; Dawson 1-0-1-0

Umpires J D Bond and B J Meyer

Hampshire v Worcestershire

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of four): Worcestershire (24pts) beat Hampshire (3) by nine wickets

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 538 for 2 dec (G A Hick 303 not out, T M Moody 180 not out)

Second Innings

W P C Weston not out	34
K R Spiring b Whitaker	24
G A Hick not out	28
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (1 wkt)	88

FALL OF WICKET 1-37

BOWLING Hansen 2-0-14-0; Udal 12-1-32-0; Whitaker 13-2-31-1; Stephenson 3-0-9-0

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

J S Laney b Lampitt	45
M L Hayden c Leatherdale b Illingworth	25
G W White c Hick b Moody	62
P R Whitaker c Shenyar b Illingworth	20
W S Kendall c Leatherdale b Illingworth	7
*J P Stephenson c and b Illingworth	18
†A N Aymes c Leatherdale b Hick	26
S D Udal st Rhodes b Illingworth	66
S J Renshaw c Chapman b Illingworth	14
T M Hansen not out	12
S R G Francis lbw b Illingworth	4
Extras (b 4, lb 1, w 2, nb 6)	13
Total (100.2 overs)	312

FALL OF WICKETS 1-75, 2-75, 3-109, 4-119, 5-145, 6-243, 7-239, 8-294, 9-312.

BOWLING Shenyar 11-1-44-0; Haynes 5-1-17-0; Illingworth 42.2-14-79-7; Lampitt 8-2-27-1; Hick 25-3-94-1; Moody 9-1-46-1

Second Innings

J S Laney b Lampitt	46
M L Hayden c Haynes b Hick	77
G W White lbw b Hick	45
P R Whitaker b Hick	14
W S Kendall lbw b Illingworth	7
*J P Stephenson lbw b Moody	39
†A N Aymes c Leatherdale b Illingworth	12
S D Udal c Moody b Illingworth	5
S J Renshaw not out	34
T M Hansen c Rhodes b Shenyar	19
S R G Francis b Shenyar	4
Extras (b 4, lb 7)	11
Total	313

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-163, 3-184, 4-189, 5-227, 6-239, 7-250, 8-259, 9-287

BOWLING: Shenyar 6.3-0-39-2; Chapman 3-0-21-0; Illingworth 42-21-68-3; Lampitt 4-1-14-1; Hick 24-6-90-3; Moody 16-2-70-1

Umpires J H Hampshire and R Julian

Leicestershire v Durham

LEICESTER (final day of four): Leicestershire (21pts) beat Durham (4) by 17 runs

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 241 (J J Whitaker 93, S J E Brown 5 for 67, M M Betts 4 for 68)

Second Innings

V J Wells lbw b Betts	4
D L Maddy c Speight b Brown	9
I J Sutcliffe b Brown	22
*J J Whitaker lbw b Brown	30
B F Smith c Boon b Brown	3
J M Dakin b Wood	18
†P A Nixon c Speight b Betts	38
D J Millns c Speight b Wood	0
A R K Pierson c Boiling b Brown	59
J Ormond c Daley b Walker	0
M T Brimson not out	30
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 2)	6
Total	219

FALL OF WICKETS 1-9, 2-17, 3-40, 4-48, 5-87, 6-87, 7-87, 8-154, 9-155

BOWLING Brown 20-2-74-5; Betts 19-5-71-2; Wood 8-1-35-2; Walker 8-0-35-1

DURHAM: First Innings

J J B Lewis c Maddy b Millns	6
S Hutton c Nixon b Wells	13
J E Morris c Wells b Dakin	19
*D C Boon b Millns	17
J A Daley lbw b Dakin	7
†M P Speight lbw b Millns	12
M M Betts lbw b Wells	21
J Boiling c Maddy b Ormond	16
J Wood b Millns	0
S J E Brown not out	2
A Walker c Maddy b Ormond	0
Extras (b 4, lb 10, w 4, nb 2)	20
Total (31.5 overs)	133

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-34, 3-50, 4-59, 5-83, 6-111, 7-125, 8-125, 9-133

BOWLING Millns 11-1-49-4; Ormond 8.5-0-31-2; Dakin 5-1-12-2; Wells 7-0-27-2

Second Innings

J J B Lewis lbw b Ormond	5
S Hutton c Maddy b Millns	8
J E Morris lbw b Millns	84
*D C Boon c Nixon b Millns	93
J A Daley b Maddy	39
†M P Speight c Whitaker b Dakin	0
M M Betts lbw b Wells	4
J Boiling c Nixon b Millns	20
J Wood not out	20
S J E Brown c Pierson b Millns	1
A Walker lbw b Millns	1
Extras (b 5, lb 14, w 8, nb 8)	35
Total	310

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-35, 3-149, 4-232, 5-235, 6-246, 7-260, 8-302, 9-304

BOWLING Millns 33-13-81-6; Ormond 13-6-33-1; Wells 16-7-38-1; Dakin 30-8-109-1; Brimson 8-3-12-0; Pierson 3-0-7-0; Maddy 8-4-11-1

Umpires: V A Holder and D R Shepherd

Sussex v Nottinghamshire

HOVE (final day of four): Sussex (8pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (9)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 454 for 9 dec (G E Welton 95, U Afzaal 80, P Johnson 74, R T Robinson 63, J J Bates 5 for 89)

Second Innings

M P Dowman b Kirtley	2
R T Robinson retired hurt	44
G E Welton c and b Bates	47
U Afzaal b Carpenter	31
*P Johnson not out	59
P R Pollard not out	13
Extras (lb 9, nb 10)	19
Total (3 wkts dec)	215

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-107, 3-165

BOWLING: Kirtley 4.4-1-13-1; Jarvis 2-0-13-0; Martin-Jenkins 8-1-27-0; Robinson 8.2-1-32-0; Bates 11-4-23-1; Carpenter 9.3-1-50-1; Peirce 12-2-48-0

SUSSEX: First Innings

M T E Peirce c sub b Bates	15
N R Taylor lbw b Oram	18
M Newell c sub b Bates	100
K Newell lbw b Oram	0
J R Carpenter c Bates b Franks	10
*†P Moores not out	102
R S C Martin-Jenkins not out	36
Extras (lb 5, w 2, nb 26)	33
Total (5 wkts dec, 94 overs)	314

P W Jarvis, J J Bates, M A Robinson and R J Kirtley did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-77, 3-88, 4-112, 5-250

BOWLING: Oram 17-5-48-2; Franks 20-0-102-1; Evans 16-3-45-0; Bates 30-8-77-2; Dowman 7-3-14-0; Afzaal 4-0-23-0

Second Innings

N R Taylor c Pollard b Franks	42
M T E Peirce run out	90
M Newell c Pollard b Franks	6
K Newell run out	75
J R Carpenter c and b Oram	7
*†P Moores c Franks b Afzaal	15
R S C Martin-Jenkins c Dowman b Afzaal	6
P W Jarvis not out	13
J J Bates not out	3
Extras (lb 12, w 2, nb 16)	30
Total (7 wkts)	287

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-104, 3-199, 4-213, 5-246, 6-269, 7-278

BOWLING Oram 19-5-52-1; Evans 12-3-34-0; Franks 18-3-63-2; Bates 18.4-1-79-0; Afzaal 14-2-47-2

Umpires M J Kitchen and K E Palmer.

Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

EDGBASTON (final day of four): Warwickshire (7pts) drew with Northamptonshire (9)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Knight b Bell	35
R R Montgomerie c Smith b Brown	58
A J Swann c Brown b Smith	136
*K M Curran c Piper b Brown	0
D J G Sales c Ostler b Giles	27
T C Walton run out	6
A L Penberthy lbw b Brown	14
†D Ripley lbw b Brown	48
J P Taylor not out	27
M K Davies c Piper b Brown	0
J F Brown b Smith	0
Extras (b 6, lb 12, nb 2)	20
Total	371

Score at 120 overs: 313-6

FALL OF WICKETS 1-58, 2-133, 3-133, 4-200, 5-212, 6-253, 7-333, 8-369, 9-370

BOWLING: Welch 19-9-43-0; Brown 28-7-62-5; Giles 39-14-63-1; Bell 23-4-70-1; Smith 35.4-9-115-2

Second Innings

A Fordham not out	85
*K M Curran not out	57
Extras (b 3, lb 1, w 4)	8
Total (no wkt dec)	150

BOWLING: Ostler 7-0-75-0; Knight 6-0-71-0

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

*N V Knight c Penberthy b Taylor	9
N M K Smith c Sales b Taylor	35
M A Wagh c Davies b Brown	70
D L Hemp b Curran	11
D P Ostler c Montgomerie b Davies	20
T L Penney c Curran b Davies	0
†K J Piper c and b Brown	6
A F Giles b Brown	45
D R Brown not out	28
G Welch not out	19
Extras (lb 4, nb 4)	8
Total (8 wkts dec, 73.3 overs)	251

M A V Bell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-65, 3-84, 4-135, 5-137, 6-146, 7-183, 8-215

BOWLING: Taylor 14-0-68-2; Penberthy 5-0-35-0; Brown 26-4-79-3; Curran 4-0-15-1; Davies 21-13-29-2; Walton 2-0-15-0; Fordham 1.3-0-6-0

Second Innings

*N V Knight b Taylor	3
N M K Smith b Curran	1
M A Wagh c Fordham b Penberthy	18
D L Hemp lbw b Taylor	15
D P Ostler b Davies	58
T L Penney c Montgomerie b Davies	27
†K J Piper b Brown	0
A F Giles not out	73
D R Brown st Ripley b Brown	45
G Welch not out	0
Extras (lb 4, nb 2)	6
Total (8 wkts)	246

FALL OF WICKETS 1-4, 2-4, 3-23, 4-54, 5-119, 6-124, 7-126, 8-246.

BOWLING: Taylor 12-3-27-2; Curran 6-2-25-1; Davies 15-3-57-2; Brown 24.5-2-123-2; Penberthy 6-2-10-1

Umpires A A Jones and J C Balderstone

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

This is another hand from the Nickell-Deutsch final of the US trials.

Dealer South	Game all	IMPs

North
♠AKQ72
♥4
♦J83
♣Q1072

West
♠J6543
♥A3
♦10
♣AJ853

East
♠1098
♥Q102
♦KQ642
♣96

South
♠—
♥KJ98765
♦A975
♣K4

S	W	N	E
Meckstroth	Rosenberg	Rodwell	Mahmood
1 H	1 S	Pass (1)	2 S
4 H	All Pass		

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: ten of diamonds

(1) Playing "negative" doubles, North had to pass and hope his partner re-opened with a double.

Notice Meckstroth's jump to Four Hearts. At the other table South bid Three Hearts at this point. No doubt Meckstroth was hoping to lure Zia into an indiscretion, as what strength North had was likely to be in spades.

Rosenberg found the best lead of his singleton diamond, which was covered by the jack, queen and ace. Meckstroth continued with the king of clubs, ducked, and a second club. Rosenberg won and had another difficult play. Ace and another trump, the play found at the other table, is certainly a reasonable continuation. That would beat the contract if declarer had the hand he had (or better hearts), but was missing the nine of diamonds.

However, Rosenberg saw that in that case another club couldn't cost — East would be ruffing. Zia in fact ruffed with the ten of hearts, and declarer overruffed with the jack and continued with the nine of hearts.

This was now West's problem: if South's hearts were solid, he had to take the ace and exit with a heart hoping his partner's diamonds were initially K Q 9 (West knows declarer has no spades): if South had better diamonds and worse hearts, he had to duck. Rosenberg bravely went for the second view, and played low. So Zia scored the queen of hearts, and the defence made in all two trump tricks, a diamond and the ace of clubs.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PERITE
a. A fairy
b. Skilful
c. Granite crystals

NEMERTINE
a. Greek festival games
b. A flatworm
c. Casting a shadow

PLAP
a. Infant's porridge or gruel
b. An informer
c. To plop

NEXAL
a. A tendon in the neck
b. Crucial
c. Debt slavery

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Leonard's lament

Leonard Barden, the veteran former British champion and noted expert on chess has addressed an open letter to the British Chess Federation protesting at the way at which the tied result in this year's British championship at Hove was handled.

It will be recalled that grandmasters Michael Adams, Matthew Sadler, Tony Miles and John Emms shared first place in the tournament proper, and that after a brief play-off the further tie between Michael Adams and Matthew Sadler was left unresolved. Adams and Sadler were declared co-champions.

Ironically, during the 1950s, Barden himself tied for first place in the British championship with Alan Phillips, but only after a 12-game match resulted in deadlock were the two declared co-champions.

Barden, in his open letter, claims that to permit a shared championship contravenes the British Chess Federation's own rules currently in force, and the possibility of sharing the title encourages top players to play cautiously, rather than risk all. Barden calls on the Federation to organise a fresh tie-breaker between Adams and Sadler.

Kasparov's feat

Today's game is from a remarkable performance by the world champion in Buenos Aires in which he annihilated the entire Argentine national team in a simultaneous display by the score of 8½-3½.

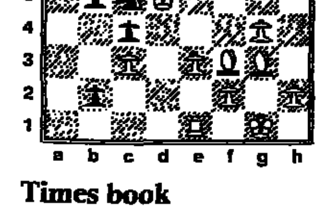
White: Sorin
Black: Kasparov
Buenos Aires, September 1997

Grunfeld Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	d5
4	Nf3	Bg7
5	Bg5	Ne4
6	Bh4	Nxc3
7	bxc3	dxc4
8	e3	b5
9	a4	c6
10	Be2	a6
11	Nd2	0-0
12	Bf3	Ra7
13	0-0	Bf5
14	Re1	Bd3
15	Nb3	Bf5
16	Nd2	Bd3
17	g4	Rc7
18	Nb3	cxb3
19	Qxd3	c5
20	Bg3	e5
21	axb5	c4
22	Qe4	axb5
23	Ra8	Qe7
24	dxe5	Nd7
25	e6	Nc5
26	exf7+	Qxf7
27	Rxf8+	Bxf8
28	Qa8	Ra7
29	Qc6	Ra6
30	Qd5	b2

White resigns

Diagram of final position



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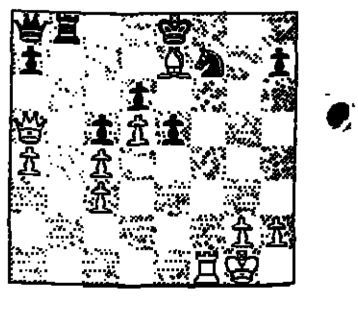
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Rublevski — Ehlvest, Polanica Zdroj 1997. Black is very disorganised but is at least attacking the white bishop with his king. Can White do better than retreating his threatened piece?



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County championship triumph rewards flair and leadership of impressive Welsh assembly

Glamorgan prove value of team ethic

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

Jubilant supporters carry James from the field after he had hit the winning runs against Somerset at Taunton. Photograph: Graham Morris

TURN the clock back 18 months and the wise and worldly of cricket would have laughed derisively at the suggestion that the next two county champions were to be Leicestershire and Glamorgan. Unfashionable, unfanciable, impossible. Yet it has happened and, to widespread approval, the title won by the Welsh on Saturday was every bit as deserved as that secured at Grace Road 12 months earlier.

Sympathy for Kent, the eternal bridesmaids, is natural but, in this instance, misplaced. In four-day cricket, Glamorgan have been the team of the year, exuding flair, balance and positive thinking. They won the title in style, demolishing Somerset in little more than two days of cricket, and they won it on merit. The margin was only four points but it might have been much wider.

It seems incredible now that the first of only two defeats for Glamorgan was a humiliation. Back in June, on their own Cardiff soil, they were bowled out for 31 by Middlesex and beaten by an innings. A week later, they routed Lancashire for 51, exhibiting the spirit that was to shine through the summer. Though the weather has sometimes been cruel, they have not looked back since.

The architect of that uplifting win over Lancashire was Waqar Younis. He took seven for 25 and it was alone worth much of the £100,000 that he will take home to Pakistan for his season's work. Glamorgan did not lack ability or ambition, but perhaps it took that destructive spell to instil the subconscious self-belief. It would, however, be wrong to lay this triumph entirely at Waqar's door. He did take more wickets than anyone, but Glamorgan boast three others — Steve Watkin, Darren Thomas and Robert Croft — with upwards of 50. The load was shared, never more convincingly than on Saturday.

After the breathtaking dash to 527 had given Glamorgan an intimidating lead of 275, most of the 3,000 at Taunton, of whom perhaps 70 per cent were Welsh, expected Waqar to apply the execution. Instead, devoid of rhythm as he battled tonsilitis, he conceded 50 runs in five overs.

Even Watkin, that marvellously loyal servant for whom all of cricket will be delighted, could not summon inspiration, and the hymn sheets in the crowd were quietly put away. Enter Thomas, the stocky, abrasive and — until this year — inconsistent youngster. Bowling fast, straight and with a control of movement that tells of a year spent with Waqar, he took five for 38 and won the match.

If this was symptomatic of the team ethic, it was also appropriate that the winning runs were scored by Steve James, who has had a phenomenal season. James, who is about to get married, will tour with England A after Christmas, but an injury in the senior side would see him dispatched to the West Indies. He would let nobody down.

The opening partnership between James and Hugh Morris has been an outstanding feature and if Morris is now to move into coaching, his 17-year career could not have had a better climax. Morris is another of the game's nice guys. The Glamorgan team is full of them, which explains the popularity of their win and the spirit behind it.

Amid the celebrations of Saturday evening, Matthew Maynard, the captain, said: "They have all been desperate for this moment. I have just guided the squad." This is an understatement, for Maynard has surprised many with his leadership. Instinctive and assertive, he has been fortunate to have a coach, in Duncan Fletcher, the Zimbabwean, whose thoughtful style provides a perfect counterpoint.

Maynard has led vibrantly with the bat, too, occasionally elevating the art to a level few can equal. Vulnerability is his charm, but his first-innings century at Taunton was sublime, an abiding memory of the season. Glamorgan have not only scored runs heavily — crucially, they gained six more batting points than Kent — but also at great pace.

The very Welshness of the team, the fact that they see themselves as playing for a country as much as a county, has been in their favour. Every member of the close-knit dressing-room can recite the years — 1948 and 1969 — when the title previously crossed the border. To expand the list is to achieve sporting immortality in Wales.

Glamorgan used only 14 players in their 17 matches. Last year, Leicestershire fielded 13. Neither team suffered much from England calls or from injuries, but the exclusivity of the squads tells of a desire to play and of a bonded, inviolable unit. Leicestershire found it impossible to repeat their success and the same may happen to Glamorgan. There was a sense, certainly, that this was their year, that the portents were right and the circumstances unsurpassable. They may struggle to replicate such a balance. What they have done, however, is rid themselves forever of the condescending jokes that pursued them for so many downtrodden years.

On Saturday night, the players and their vocal supporters turned Taunton into a valleys town. Doubtless, they turned the cider into something stronger, too. Perhaps they reflected on the only other trophy the county has won since 1969, the Sunday league title of 1993, and the fact that it was won at Canterbury.

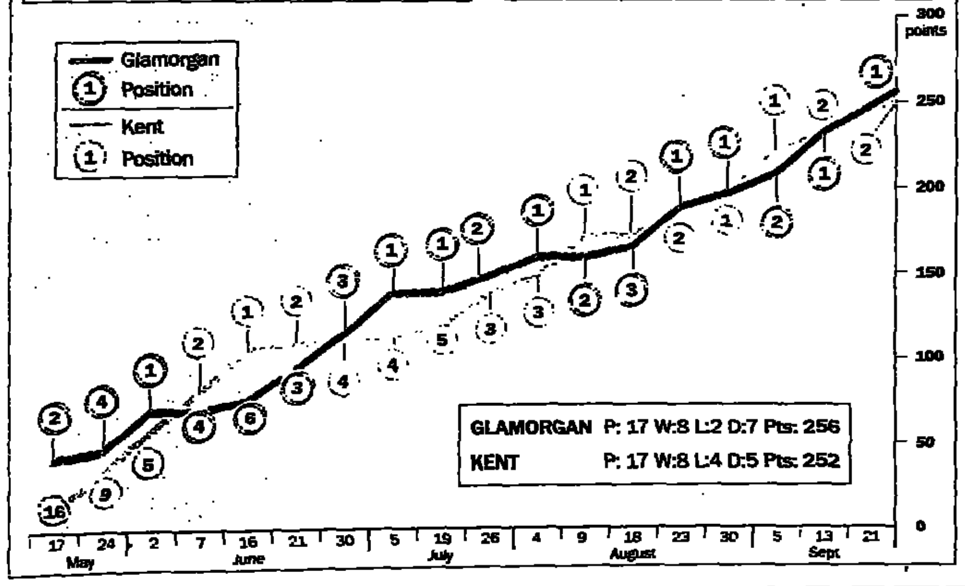
It was won, indeed, on the very pitch that Kent so controversially chose for this decisive championship round. It had not been used at all in the intervening four years and Kent must now be inclined to dig it up and send it to Wales.

GLAMORGAN	
WINS	
Kent	87 runs
Durham	Innings and 8 runs
Lancashire	221 runs
Sussex	234 runs
Gloucestershire	10 wickets
Northamptonshire	6 wickets
Essex	7 wickets
Somerset	10 wickets
LOSSES	
Middlesex	Innings and 7 runs
Worcestershire	54 runs

DRAWS
Warwickshire, Yorkshire, Hampshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Surrey

KENT	
WINS	
Sussex	104 runs
Nottinghamshire	Innings and 105 runs
Warwickshire	4 wickets
Lancashire	58 runs
Middlesex	4 runs
Essex	Innings and 8 runs
Gloucestershire	272 runs
Surrey	5 wickets
LOSSES	
Glamorgan	87 runs
Durham	135 runs
Northamptonshire	1 wicket
Leicestershire	6 wickets

DRAWS
Derbyshire, Worcestershire, Somerset, Hampshire, Yorkshire



SCOREBOARD FROM TAUNTON

SOMERSET: First Innings 252 (P D Bowler 63, M N Lathwell 62; Waqar Younis 4 for 41).

Second Innings

†R J Turner b Thomas	38
P C L Holloway c Shaw b Thomas	25
S C Ecclestone c Morris b Watkin	10
M N Lathwell b Thomas	47
M E Trescothick c James b Croft	16
M Burns c Shaw b Thomas	18
*P D Bowler lbw b Thomas	3
G D Rose c Shaw b Watkin	67
A R Caddick not out	56
K J Shine c James b Watkin	0
B J Trott lbw b Cosker	0
Extras (lb 3, nb 2)	5
Total	285

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-67, 3-88, 4-133, 5-145, 6-153, 7-166, 8-261, 9-273

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 11-0-84-0; Watkin 15-1-75-3; Thomas 15-2-38-5; Cosker 11 4-3-34-1; Croft 18-5-51-1

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James lbw b Caddick	8
H Morris b Caddick	165
A Dale c Bowler b Caddick	8
*M P Maynard c Bowler b Shine	142
P A Cottey c Bowler b Shine	*13*
R D B Croft lbw b Rose	86
†A D Shaw not out	53
S D Thomas c Ecclestone b Trott	0
Waqar Younis c Ecclestone b Trott	5
S L Watkin c Shine b Trott	5
D A Cosker b Caddick	7
Extras (lb 7, w 12, nb 16)	35
Total (99.4 overs)	527

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-42, 3-277, 4-293, 5-404, 6-475, 7-476, 8-482, 9-495

BOWLING: Caddick 34 4-5-132-4; Shine 17-3-88-2; Rose 29-3-152-1; Trott 11-0-74-3, Burns 7-0-65-0; Bowler 1-0-9-0.

Second Innings

S P *James not out*	9
H Morris not out	1
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (no wkt)	*11*

BOWLING: Caddick 1-0-5-0; Rose 0.2-0-5-0.

Umpires. G Sharp and P Willey.

Kent left with room for second thoughts

By Simon Wilde

FINISHING second can do funny things to the mind. The if-onlys not only keep occurring, they also take up residence, monopolising mental space that ought to be given over to rational thinking. Before you know it, you have a hang-up on your hands.

Don Revie, manager of the great Leeds United football team of the late Sixties and early Seventies, found it hard to retain his grip as they took one runners-up spot after another. The situation became so desperate that, in an effort to break the spell, he took to wearing particular clothes and approaching stadiums from a particular side of the street. It was all to no avail.

As they woke yesterday morning, Kent's cricketers might have cast a knowing nod at the memory of the late Revie, if they had room to think about anything except the if-onlys of their second places in the Benson and Hedges Cup, the Axa Life League and the Britannic Assurance county championship, which was lost on Saturday despite a good's day work at Canterbury to defeat Surrey by five wickets.

It is a remarkable record and one rarely approached in modern times ... except by Kent. Five years ago, they finished second in the championship and Benson and Hedges Cup, and since winning those same events in 1978 they have been second in the four county competitions 12 times, against which can be set a solitary, rather muted triumph in the 40-overs league in 1995.

As for the championship, if only their top-order batting had functioned properly and Min Patel been fit; if only they had not inexplicably lost to Durham and allowed Northamptonshire to beat them by one wicket. Above all, if only they had managed to beat Somerset last month. Instead, with Kent batting, the scores finished level. It cost them eight points. As with Doug Sanders and the putt that cost him the Open Championship, it may be a while before Kent's players can go more than ten minutes without thinking of the circumstances.

The art to finishing second, of course, is to make sure it does not happen again. Steve Marsh, the redoubtable Kent captain, claims that his side will be stronger for the experience, that they have gained the respect of many opponents and learnt to play better in difficult situations. But they still have a long way to travel. Their performance in the Benson and Hedges Cup final in July was one of the most abject by any side in a Lord's final. Mark Ealham was nearer the truth when he said that it will be at least two months before they can look back on their season with any pride.

Are Kent capable of winning anything next year? Possibly, if Headley and McCague stay fit, if they strengthen their pot-holed batting — they are trying to sign Chris Adams from Derbyshire — and if they make the right choice of overseas player between Paul Strang and Carl Hooper. If their groundstaff do not become overly cautious as a result of the ten-point penalty, suspended for one year, that was rightly imposed for the pitch produced for the Surrey game. And if the scars of the past permit.

One of the worst things about coming second is dealing with the contingencies that were made for coming first. There was champagne in the home dressing-room at the St Lawrence ground on Saturday, just in case Glamorgan blew up at Taunton, so David Fulton, who scored a fine maiden championship century to set up Kent's victory, felt obliged to spray it around the balcony, though by then there was no chance of Somerset causing an upset. Kent must be getting used to drinking fizz with heavy hearts.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Glamorgan (10)	17	8	2	7	50	57	256
Kent (4)	17	8	4	5	44	60	252
Worcs (7)	17	6	3	8	49	54	228
Middlesex (9)	17	7	4	6	33	56	219
Warwickshire (8)	17	7	2	8	32	51	219
Yorkshire (6)	17	6	3	8	41	54	215
Gloucs (13)	17	6	6	5	35	60	206
Surrey (3)	17	5	5	7	39	52	192
Essex (5)	17	5	6	6	39	55	192
Leicestershire (1)	*17*	*4*	*1*	*12*	*37*	*54*	*191*
Lancashire (15)	17	5	6	6	34	54	186
Somerset (11)	17	3	3	11	38	64	183
Notts (17)	17	4	3	10	26	55	175
Hampshire (14)	*17*	*3*	*5*	*9*	*42*	*41*	*159*
Northants (16)	17	3	5	9	33	48	156
Derbyshire (2)	17	2	9	6	32	59	141
Durham (18)	17	2	8	7	22	56	131
Sussex (12)	17	1	10	6	24	57	115

(Last year's positions in brackets)

□ Worcestershire and Kent's record includes eight points as side batting last in match where scores finished level

SCOREBOARD

SURREY: First Innings 124 (J B D Thompson 4 for 33)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell b Phillips	130
M A Butcher c and b Ealham	30
J D Ratcliffe c Ward b Ealham	0
*†A J Stewart c Marsh b Fleming	170
A D Brown c Marsh b Phillips	4
N Shahid c Marsh b Phillips	8
B C Hollioake c Marsh b Thompson	2
C C Lewis lbw b Thompson	0
I D K Salisbury c Phillips b Thompson	15
J E Benjamin c Ward b Igglesden	0
R M Amin not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 10)	11
Total	371

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-69, 2-69, 3-288, 4-292, 5-316, 6-327, 7-328, 8-358, 9-359.

BOWLING: Igglesden 18-2-81-1; Thompson 23-1-112-3; Ealham 12-2-39-2; Fleming 14.3-1-59-1; Phillips 18-2-58-3; Wells 2-0-11-0

KENT: First Innings 220 (M A Ealham 52, B C Hollioake 4 for 54)

Second Innings

D P Fulton c and b Butcher	110
E T Smith c Salisbury b Benjamin	16
T R Ward c Lewis b Butcher	9
A P Wells c and b Salisbury	12
G R Cowdrey c Stewart b Butcher	33
M A Ealham not out	18
M V Fleming not out	*41*
Extras (b 8, w 6, nb 23)	37
Total (5 wkts)	276

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-63, 3-116, 4-201, 5-210.

BOWLING: Lewis 13.2-0-79-0; Benjamin 13-2-56-1; Hollioake 8-1-38-0; Butcher 13-1-26-3; Salisbury 14-2-38-1; Amin 11-1-31-0

Umpires: T E Jesty and A G T Whitehead

Middlesex call off chase after taking early blows

By Barney Spender

CHELMSFORD (final day of four): Essex (9pts) drew with Middlesex (10)

Hussain: second hundred

THE Essex faithful love their cricket and yesterday, clinging to the remnants of the summer sunshine and their last fix of action for seven months, they turned up in numbers in the hope, if not the expectation, of a gripping run-chase on the last afternoon.

Unfortunately, it was not to be. Set 267 to win from what turned out to be a possible 51 overs, Middlesex slipped to 21 for three after seven overs and, when Mike Gatting was bowled by Paul Grayson just before tea, they opted to shut up shop in the final session and lost out on their chance of a top-three finish.

Disappointing as it may have been, it was no great surprise that the game petered out after both sides had bumbled their way through the first three days with no obvious signs of purpose or intent. It was a laid-back, cucumber-sandwich kind of a match, the type threatened with extinction by the two-division proposal.

It did, however, have its moments, not least of which was a 12-minute appearance at the crease by Mark Ramprakash, who arrived from his wife's bedside, where she was expecting the birth of their first child, to launch the Middlesex chase. Awkward deliveries were the order of the day, however, and he soon popped up a catch to short leg and headed off again.

Darren Robinson and Nasser Hussain spent much of the morning stretching their second-wicket partnership to 213 before Hussain top-edged a pull off Hewitt and was caught by Brown, the wicketkeeper. Hussain's 104 was only his second hundred for the county this year, but bearing in mind that it was only his seventeenth championship innings and that he also made two hundreds against Australia, it has not been such a bad season for him.

Robinson also made it into three figures for the second time and played with a solidity which suggests that next season he will cement his position as Graham Gooch's successor at the top of the order. His 134 came off 280 balls and included 16 fours and a six.

Stuart Law, the one man you would have bet on to finish the season with a bang, made just a single before edging a catch to Brown, but he has had another fine summer in all competitions and the members will doubtless raise a glass at the news that he will be back again next year.

Law has accepted a one-year contract and will sign it before returning to Australia this week.

For Middlesex it has been a season of development and two of their younger lights shone in this match. David Nash, their 19-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman, made his maiden century on Saturday and followed it up with a wicket off his first ball in first-class cricket.

Mark Ilott was the victim, caught in the covers by Owais Shah, Middlesex's other young gun. Shah later underlined his burgeoning talent with a well-crafted 54 not out before the captains concluded the season with seven overs remaining.

Hampshire fail to last the distance

By John Thicknesse

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of four): Worcestershire (24pts) beat Hampshire (3) by nine wickets.

ONCE Matthew Hayden dragged an intended straight-drive to mid-on in the first half-hour, there was never a moment when Hampshire looked like stopping Worcestershire from beating them and not many, sad to say, when it seemed to concern them whether they did or not. In conditions only a little less favourable for batting than when Graeme Hick and Tom Moody shared their unbroken partnership of 438 on the first two days, Hampshire's lack of resolution was sickening.

Their's may not sound, or look, too bad a score, but since it was only when Aymes, at No 7, was dismissed that a batsman was out playing defensively — as opposed to making a present of his wicket through an ill-conceived or misplayed attacking stroke, or through lack of application — it can be reckoned to be at least 100 below par for the conditions.

Credit all the same to Worcestershire for taking full advantage of what Hampshire were offering. This was their fourth win in seven games, which was enough to lift them from tenth to third and pip Yorkshire, Middlesex and Warwickshire. It was an even more one-sided game than the margin implies, since Worcestershire lost only three wickets in scoring 626 runs in the match.

Restarting yesterday at 127 for one, 99 behind after being forced to follow on, Hampshire needed Hayden and White to get through the first hour's play. How little help Moody considered the pitch would give his seam bowlers was reflected by his decision to start with the spinners, Illingworth and Hick — and so little indication did either give of being able to take an early wicket that after ten overs, costing 36 runs, he turned them round; despite the fact that from their new ends the breeze was blowing from the wrong quarter for their drift.

When Hayden succumbed to the first ball of Hick's new spell, however, it proved to be an inspired decision. From 163 for one Hampshire subsided to 189 for four, White becoming Hick's second victim when he missed a sweep, and Whitaker his third, bowled through a loose defensive stroke. With Illingworth settling into a 32-over spell that was to bring him three for 29, Hampshire slid to defeat without honour. The middle order's lack of fight was shown up when the last two wickets added 54.

Warwickshire keep clean sheet as runs come easy

By Richard Hobson

EDGBASTON (final day of four): Warwickshire (7pts) drew with Northamptonshire (9)

Taylor: all-purpose bowler

AN eighth-wicket stand of 120 between Ashley Giles and Dougie Brown ensured that Warwickshire preserved their unbeaten championship record at Edgbaston this season. The home side, however, missed out on a third-place finish, which would have taken their prize-money for the summer beyond £100,000.

This was the last match to finish yesterday and the prevailing mood was of optimism. If these two counties are successful in their search for overseas players, then the same game next year will pit Brian Lara against Shane Warne.

The contest was shaped in the first hour when Warwickshire passed the follow-on target of 222. Cheap runs for both sides followed and Fordham, who is taking up a position with the England and Wales Cricket Board, ended his career by scoring 85 of the easiest runs imaginable in 30 minutes against a bowling attack of Ostler and Knight.

Without Allan Donald, Warwickshire had prepared a pitch to help the slow bowlers. Jason Brown and Michael Davies clearly anticipated taking responsibility for the bulk of Northamptonshire's bowling, and ultimately it was a little too much for either. Yet the young spinners could not have imagined that the new-ball attack would carve so deeply into the top order when Warwickshire sought 271 to win in what turned out to be 64 overs.

A mixture of circumstances, notably the conspicuous failure of Mohammad Akram, has forced Taylor to be both stock and strike bowler these last five months. In his first spell here, he swung the ball into the right-hander and cut it away off the pitch. Knight dragged the sixth ball of the innings on to his off stump, Hemp fell leg-before and Wagh faced a stern challenge to technique and temperament before the left-arm seamer took his sweater.

Smith, meanwhile, had fallen to Curran, the acting captain, and when Wagh edged an outswinger by Penberthy to Fordham at slip Warwickshire were 54 for four, seemingly out of contention. Yet this side is more resilient than most. Ostler, for example, has endured a lean time, accumulating just 310 runs in his previous 20 championship innings, but chose an appropriate time to record his second half-century of the season in the competition.

He put on 65 in 18 overs with Penney before he perished attempting to paddle away Davies against the spin. Northamptonshire could afford to retain an attacking field even when the fifth wicket pair sought to accelerate and Penney, having driven Brown over long-on, offered a simple catch to silly mid-off.

Piper was bowled middle stump by Brown in the next over, the third wicket to fall for seven runs, but Brown and Giles, striking firmly off his legs, restored order. Giles survived a chance to silly point on 22 and continued to strike the ball handsomely. Brown, too, drove forcefully off the front foot before being stumped in the final over with his side 25 runs short.

Barnes gives Newcastle fortunate victory as London clubs fail to turn superiority into points

West Ham's progress hampered by Given

WEST HAM UNITED 0
NEWCASTLE UNITED 1

By Matt Dickinson

THERE are those, not least in the North East, who await proof that Kenny Dalglish is a good, never mind great, manager. Four English championships are disparaged as inadmissible evidence on the spurious grounds that his Liverpool success owed everything to a lavish inheritance, his Blackburn Rovers triumph to outspending rather than outplaying the rest. It has not been a good week for the sceptics.

First, of course, came that unforgettable night of European triumph over the might of Barcelona, a victory that even Manchester United must have watched with envy. However, Dalglish's claim that he took as much pleasure from the fortunate win at Upton Park on Saturday can be taken at face value because he, of all people, knows where Newcastle's priorities lie this season and it is not abroad, despite the glory and glamour.

Barnes: mesmeric

For those who recall Blackburn's often ungainly scramble for the championship three seasons ago, this game brought back familiar, if not always stirring, memories. Pretty it was not, but then how many prizes did Rovers win for artistic merit as they scrapped and scuffled their way to the FA CArling Premiership trophy?

No, Newcastle did not deserve their victory, as even Dalglish admitted and, yes, it was more down to poor finishing on West Ham's part than dogged defending. Battered in the opening 20 minutes every bit as much as in the final 20 minutes on Wednesday night, they should not have been allowed the chance to steal the points with one mesmerising flash of John Barnes's left boot. That they were was in great part down to Shay Given, the goalkeeper, who could prove Dalglish's most significant signing since he took Alan Shearer to Ewood Park.

Signing Given from his former employer at Blackburn was one of the first decisions that Dalglish made when he took over at St James' Park and he would have been happy to have spent considerably more than the £1.5 million it took to lure him through a tribunal. At that price, Given looks a steal.

In 28 league games, starting with loan spells at Swindon Town and Sunderland and including just two for Blackburn, the 21-year-old has kept a remarkable 19 clean sheets, a formidable record. His arrival in place of the erratic Shaka Hislop and Pavel Srnicek has brought reassurance to a back four still prone to errors but now, more often than not, getting away with them.

By no means as dominant a figure as David Seaman or Peter Schmeichel, Given lacks the physical presence to barge his way through a packed penalty area. His shot-saving, though, aided by a gymnast's broad-shouldered build and athleticism to match, appears second to none.

Harry Redknapp was understandably frustrated at his team's inability to turn their superiority into points. "What can you do? We came away with nothing from Old Trafford last week and now we've played well again and got beaten," the West Ham manager said. "We're all over them and suddenly they score a goal like that after 44 minutes. What had they done to be in the lead?"

However, Redknapp was lucid enough to appreciate that it was also a defeat of his team's own making. Having squandered enough chances to have won several matches, poor defending saw all three central defenders sucked into the attempt to shackle Faustino Asprilla on the edge of the penalty area.

That left Barnes in space as the Colombian rolled the ball back and the 33-year-old flashed his left foot across the ball to curl it spectacularly into the top corner. For all the talk of Newcastle's good fortune, there was nothing lucky about that.

WEST HAM UNITED (3-6-2): L Miklosko — D Unsworth, R Ferdinand, I Pearce — T Breacker (sub M Hughes, 46min), S Lomas, F Lampard, E Berkovic (sub: S Potts, 71), S Lazaridis — J Hartson, I Dowie

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-5-1): S Given — S Watson, D Peacock, P Albert, J Beresford — K Gillespie, D Batty, R Lee, W Barton, J Barnes (sub: S Howey, 70) — F Asprilla.

Referee: S Dunn

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Asprilla, who fought a lone battle in attack, finds his route to goal blocked by Unsworth

Liverpool let off the hook

SOUTHAMPTON 1
LIVERPOOL 1

By Peter Robinson

SOME days you should never have got out of bed. You tried to stack a shelf, the whole lot came crashing down; you tried to change a light bulb, the house went dark; Auntie Maude said: "Can you pass the gravy, dear?" and you dropped it all over that expensive new carpet. Liverpool had one of those days on Saturday.

Here was a team composed almost entirely of internationals playing with all the assurance of teenagers at a youth club disco; dressed in all the right gear, looking cool as they sip their lemonade and then edging uncomfortably out of the shadows to dance like Mr Bean. There were spells when Liverpool looked the part — elegant, confident — and then the ball would drop at the feet of a yellow-clad figure. He would stare at it for a moment, his knees would wobble and then the moment, and the ball, were gone.

Nor could anyone claim that they were exempt. While the defenders, Wright and Matteo, were worst afflicted, everybody had his turn. Take McManaman. Here was a player who scored the goal of his life on Tuesday, perhaps the goal of the season. In the 21st minute he robbed Le Tissier and set off again, across the halfway line. Riedle to his left, Owen to his right, two confused defenders in front of him, the goalkeeper off his line, time to spare, space to think ... fell over, flat on his face. Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, excused his most creative player, but he must have been pulling his hair out.

It has to be said that Evans was not a happy bunny. He called his players careless but he could have said lazy, listless, sloppy or clumsy. "I wasn't very pleased," he said. "We defended badly, we haven't played too much, either. I suppose when you make as many mistakes as we did, we have to be happy that we have got a point. There was some fortune in that."

Southampton could hardly believe their luck. Stranded at the foot of the FA Carling Premiership, they were almost ecstatic to have so outplayed their visitors. Had they made the most of Liverpool's largesse, they would have won 4-1 or more, but no matter; having gone behind to Riedle's expert first-half header, they fought back for a point — a good sign.

So was Le Tissier's return, albeit abbreviated by a hamstring strain, and so was the form of Kevin Davies, a big, 20-year-old striker who scored the equaliser, turning Wright every which way before beating James from 20 yards. He had chances to win the game, too, notably when Thomas dithered and allowed him to test James from close range. James passed. Not many of his team-mates could say the same.

SOUTHAMPTON (4-3-1-2): P Jones — J Dodd, K Monkou, C Lundekvam, F Benali — A Neilson, K Richardson, M Oakley — M Le Tissier (sub: J Bowen, 42min, sub. A Williams, 74) — K Davies, M Evans

LIVERPOOL (3-5-2): D James — B T Kvarme, M Wright, D Matteo — J McAteer, M Thomas, P Ince, S McManaman, S I Bjornebye — K Riedle (sub: P Berger, 69), M Owen (sub: R Fowler, 60)

Referee: P Jones

Guile of Ginola puts smile on Tottenham faces

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 0
BLACKBURN ROVERS 0

By Brian Glanville

FOOTBALL is a mysterious game and this match, mediocre though it was, showed as much. On the face of it, Tottenham Hotspur should have stood little chance. So many of their strikers were missing — Armstrong, Ferdinand and Iversen among them — that they had only Paul Mahorn, a 24-year-old reserve, up front.

Mahorn had scored a breathless winner in the Coca-Cola Cup against Carlisle United in midweek, but at White Hart Lane on Saturday it was the first time he had started in an FA Carling Premiership match. He has been out on loan to four different clubs in previous seasons.

Moreover, Tottenham had looked very shaky against Carlisle and shakier still four days earlier, when they lost 3-0 at Leicester City.

True, Blackburn Rovers that weekend had lost what Roy Hodgson, their manager, called "a strange game", 4-3 at home to Leeds United.

He must have had a nasty sense of *déjà vu* because last season, when he was manager of Internazionale, however hard he worked on the training ground his defence never quite seemed to get the point. The rotten-banana syndrome persisted in a flat back four that kept on splitting and getting its offside tactics wrong. In the end, Hodgson, who turned down Blackburn last November to sign a princely new contract with Inter, walked out in despair before the end of the season.

Against Preston North End in the Coca-Cola Cup last Wednesday, Blackburn banged in six goals without reply. They came to White Hart Lane as the leading scorers in the Premiership. All this suggested that they were on a good thing against a demoralised Tottenham, although neither Ripley nor Gallacher, recently in fine form, were available to play on the Blackburn right wing.

In the event, as Hodgson admitted with typical modesty, they were lucky not to lose. Tottenham came out fighting, showing all the courage and commitment that had given them a draw away to Arsenal. On that occasion, Edinburgh's dismissal had left them with ten men for most of the game — a very different proposition, as their manager, Gerry Francis, observed, from playing ten men for the last 11 minutes, as Blackburn did when Valery, their right back, was dismissed after receiving a second yellow card.

Hodgson thought the first booking was fair, but not the second. In truth, Valery could have been sent off in the first half for a foul much worse than either of the others.

All in all, Blackburn did tend to put it about. Hodgson admitted to "desperate defending from our side and when you defend desperately you get yellow cards". Quite.

Much of this desperation was caused by David Ginola, who had one of those days when his manifold, undoubted talents came together gloriously. Those of us who have admired him since he outshone the likes of Gascoigne and Stoichkov in the Toulon Under-21 tournament nine years ago could feel vindicated.

Francis was delighted. "He's always been a talented player," he said. "Great skills, great ability, but what we've tried to put into him is the fighting side. He's tackling back, he's being strong, he's going through tackles."

Whether he was casually chesting down difficult balls, belting long, cross-field passes or surging past defenders with his right-foot guile, Ginola was outstanding and, as Hodgson conceded, well supported by two other

Hodgson: work to do

lively ball players in Dominguez and Fox.

Indeed, were it not for two notable saves by Tim Flowers in a first half run by Tottenham, the home side surely would have won. After 16 minutes, from a corner by Ginola, Howells, at the second attempt, shot fiercely but Flowers turned it over the top. This the goalkeeper did again a few minutes from half-time, when Dominguez shot from the right. Almost at once, when Mabbutt, resilient as ever, flicked on another Ginola corner, Valery blocked Howells's drive on the line.

Campbell, run ragged by Heskey at Leicester, had no such trouble with Sutton. "We've still got an awful lot of work to do," Hodgson said.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — S Carr, G Mabbutt, S Campbell, J Edinburgh — R Fox, S Clemence, D Howells, D Ginola — J Dominguez, P Mahorn (sub: R Vega, 81min)

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — P Valery, C Hendry, S Henchoz, J Kenna — L Bohinen, T Sherwood, G Flitcroft, J Wilcox (sub: W McKinlay, 84) — C Sutton, M Dahlin (sub: G Croft, 79).

Referee: G Barber.

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Managing to maintain perspective

ASTON VILLA 2
DERBY COUNTY 1

By Russell Kempson

MANAGERS ... don't you just love 'em? The Arfur Daley duckers and divers, the Walter Mitty dunces and dreamers, the Honest Joe workaholic toilers: football embraces them all, from the slickest manipulator to the naive novice. They shape the hopes of clubs and communities everywhere, buying confidence and selling dreams.

At the head of the breed sit Brian Little, of Aston Villa, and Jim Smith, of Derby County. Decent, honorable men who share a passion for the game, express it with candour and bring credit to an often maligned trade. Little, 43, only halfway up the managerial ladder; Smith, 56, approaching the final rung. Yet joined at the hip in approach, attitude and outlook.

One of their first meetings came in 1979, when Smith, the Birmingham City manager, tried to sign Little, the Aston Villa forward. A £610,000 fee was agreed but Little, already possessing a highly developed attention for detail, needed to discuss the finer points of his role at St Andrew's.

As Smith had departed for a family holiday, Little set off for Portugal. Handshakes were exchanged by a beach in the Algarve and the deal was done. It was only on Little's return home that the move turned sour. He failed the medical and, effectively, his playing career was over, prematurely.

Much water has since passed under the bridge and, at Villa Park on Saturday, Smith and Little again renewed acquaintances. Villa registered their third successive victory in the FA Carling Premiership, perhaps fortunately, as Derby rued a 1-0 lead squandered and a temporary, costly loss of concentration in the second half.

Nobody ranted or raved, though; neither victor nor vanquished peered through rose-tinted spectacles and offered banal excuses or ridiculous predictions. Sensible, considered opinions were passed in calm, measured tones. It was a glimpse of kindred spirits, at ease in the spotlight.

"I don't know whether we're out of our bad patch," Little said, referring to the four consecutive defeats that blighted Villa's start to the season. "I don't think we've really turned the corner, we've still got some catching up to do."

Smith contemplated his side's weaknesses. "We've got to pass better," he said. "We've got to take the pressure off in midfield and up front. Although Villa never looked like scoring, the law of averages says that something could happen. We've got to sort it out and, if that means having to sign new players, so be it."

Little, grey of hair and suit, is the more reserved of the pair, almost Majoresque in his demeanour. Were the world to end in a nuclear holocaust, he would greet it with: "What was that bang?" Smith, bald and occasionally brash, lights a cigar and talks quietly through the growing haze with insight and humour. "Poom? Yeah, he made some good saves," he said of his Estonia goalkeeper, "but he gets enough practice."

For three quarters of a gentle encounter, Derby clung on to Baiano's early goal, scooped in at the second attempt after Ehiogu's misdirected header and Bosnich's unconvincing challenge. Villa eased their mounting fears, in the space of three minutes, when Yorke hooked in Collymore's nod-down and Joachim stroked in Nelson's cross.

It was almost much ado about nothing, really, in a week-in, week-out world of hype and hysteria. At least Smith and Little could keep it all in perspective. Two managers, good managers, doing a good job.

ASTON VILLA (3-5-2): M Bosnich — U Ehiogu, S Staunton (sub: R Scimeca, 86min), G Southgate — F Nelson, M Draper, I Taylor, S Curcic (sub: J Joachim, 68), A Wright — S Collymore (sub: S Milosevic, 89), D Yorke.

DERBY COUNTY (3-5-2): M Poom — C Daily, G Rowett, J Laursen — S Eranio, L Carsley, J Hunt (sub: A Asanovic, 61), P Trollope, C Powell — D Sturridge (sub: D Burton, 73), F Baiano (sub: P Wanchope, 79)

Referee: J Winter

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Yorke attempts to double his tally with a spectacular strike against Derby County at Villa Park on Saturday

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Temperamental display curries little favour with Hoddle as double sending-off ignites derby passions

Beckham guilty of spice overdose

BOLTON WANDERERS 0
MANCHESTER UNITED 0

By David Maddock

THE sooner the Government introduces its legislation to control quarrelsome neighbours, the better. Bolton Wanderers and Manchester United squared up over the garden fence at the Reebok Stadium on Saturday and, as is the way in these squabbles, the local law enforcer became the villain of the piece.

The two red cards delivered by Paul Durkin, and the six yellows to add to the 18 that he had already issued this season, saw both protagonists forget their row and target the referee. But if Durkin is overzealous, he probably got it right on this occasion. Most of the bookings were justified and the red card issued to Nathan Blake, the irritable Bolton forward, was warranted.

So too, in all probability, was that flashed in the direction of Gary Pallister. Alex Ferguson, his manager, said that television would show Pallister did not throw a punch, but while the evidence was inconclusive, the cameras did at least show that Blake had provoked Pallister with a crude challenge from behind.

Pallister is unlikely to have his sending-off rescinded by the Football Association and there can hardly be an inquiry into a so-called brawl because there was none, just the usual pushing and shoving associated with derby matches.

Only one character deserved condemnation for his conduct. It was a Manchester United midfield player who seemed intent on becoming involved in physical exchanges with his opponents. The culprit? No, it was not Roy Keane, but David Beckham. The golden boy of English football is beginning to earn an altogether less-flattering nickname of "Bosh Spice", such has been his recent lack of control.

Pallister is restrained after the incident involving Blake that led to both players being dismissed. Photograph: Shaun Botterill / Allsport

Beckham was warned during the summer by Glenn Hoddle about an impetuous streak that attracted too many bookings. If the England manager witnessed this display, he will be a worried man as he ponders his team to play in Italy next month.

Hoddle cannot afford to select any player who will respond to provocation in Rome. Here, Beckham was too easily roused by Bolton supporters delighting in his anger. It is a familiar theme for Beckham of late. He was lucky not to have been sent off after the crowd had provoked him into a series of late challenges that, had there not already been two red cards, would surely have incurred the referee's wrath.

Perhaps even more worrying for Hoddle is that Beckham was totally ineffective in a central midfield role and has yet to suggest that he is comfortable in that position for his club.

If the dismissed players were to be condemned for anything other than rising passions, then it should be for spoiling what had, until the 34th minute, been a mildly entertaining contest. Pollock had been given a perfect opportunity to score within ten minutes when Schmeichel dropped a corner by Sellars, but shot wide of an open goal. Soon after, Frandsen clipped the top of the United crossbar with a free kick, while at the other end, Cole twice shot weakly wide.

What followed, however, was desperately dull. Bolton's loss was the greater because Blake was their only real attacking threat and the home side was forced to settle for a draw. United, for their part, took the initiative, but with Cole ploughing a lone furrow up front, they failed to penetrate.

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): K Branagan — G Bergsson, M Fish, G Taggart, M Whitlow — J Pollock, P Frandsen, A Thompson, S Sellars (sub: P Beardsley, 66min) — N Blake, J McGinlay.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-1-1): P Schmeichel — G Neville, G Pallister, H Berg, D Irwin — K Poborsky (sub: P Neville, 55), D Beckham, R Keane, N Butt — P Scholes (sub: O G Solskjaer, 55) — A Cole

Referee: P Durkin.

Coventry let golden opportunity slip away

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 0
COVENTRY CITY 0

By Richard Hobson

IF THIS game had been played under golden-goal rules, then Gary Willard, the referee, would still not have blown the final whistle today. The finishing of both sides was lamentable and Coventry City, with circumstances in their favour, will reflect upon two points lost rather than one gained.

There was never a better time to face Sheffield Wednesday, who remain second from bottom of the FA Carling Premiership. "Sometimes when things go against you, the hope is just to avoid defeat," David Pleat, the manager, said. "Last season we had a settled side, won the first four games and took more confidence because of that. This time I have had to change the team for every game."

Pleat's problems at Hillsborough on Saturday began when Atherton hurt his knee in the pre-match routine. Pleat gambled on Atherton's fitness — and then watched him hobble off in the seventeenth minute. Five minutes later, Pressman, the goalkeeper, followed along the same path after overstretching his groin.

The injury list would test the resources of the richest club. Happily for Pleat, and despite the boos at the end of a forgettable encounter, most supporters appear to accept the mitigating circumstances for a poor start.

Carbone will return after suspension for the home game against Derby County on Wednesday. He will partner Di Canio, who caused persistent problems here, his slick control creating space in crowded areas.

The way Di Canio glided past Williams, after using his heel to lob the defender on the run, was sublime and deserved a better finish. Nicol came closest to scoring on the hour when Ogrizovic fumbled a shot on to the bar.

Gordon Strachan, the Coventry manager, says he tolerates mistakes if they are made for honest reasons. This is just as well for Salako, who squandered four good chances, although Clarke, the substitute goalkeeper, can take credit for his save in the 89th minute.

With Whelan and Huckerby to come in and Hall emerging, Coventry ought not to be embroiled in another relegation struggle. Neither should Wednesday.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K Pressman (sub: M Clarke 22min) — I Nolan, J Newsome, D Walker, S Nicol — G Whittingham, J Magilton (sub: S Oakes, 73min), P Atherton (sub: W Collins, 17), M Pembridge — P Di Canio, D Hirst

COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2): S Ogrizovic — R Nilsson, R Shaw, P Williams, D Burrows — P Telfer, T E Soltvedt (sub: W Boland, 61min), G McAllister, M Hall — D Dublin, J Salako.

Referee: G Willard

Cadamarteri enlivens striking day for Everton

EVERTON 4
BARNSLEY 2

By Nick Szczepanik

SOMEHOW one expected something wittier from Merseysiders than chants of "Going down"; but the fact that it took 84 minutes to occur to them was a tribute to Barnsley, whom Everton had been unable to subdue until then.

"I'm not too downhearted." Danny Wilson, the Barnsley manager, said after this FA Carling Premiership encounter at Goodison Park on Saturday. "We caused them a lot of nervous moments and quietened the crowd for long periods and we have to take confidence from that."

But Wilson must do something about his team's defending, judging by the straightforward header Gary Speed was allowed, from Hinchcliffe's corner, to give Everton an early lead.

Barnsley, who had no fair means of combating the aerial power of Duncan Ferguson, gained an unexpected equaliser when Neil Redfearn's 31st-minute deflected shot looped over Paul Gerrard.

Ten minutes later, Danny Cadamarteri, Bradford-born, 17-year-old and dreadlocked, volleyed in a Ferguson header to crown a livewire debut. "He did ever so well and deserved his goal," Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, enthused.

Barnsley, for all their passing craft, could have done with any sort of striker: Nick Barmby, for example. When Ferguson flicked the ball on again, in the 75th minute, Barmby's run ended after a challenge from Marcelle, which Gerald Ashby, the referee, saw as a penalty, converted by Speed.

"Absolutely never a penalty in a million years and he [Ashby] knows it wasn't," Wilson said. "I spoke to him afterwards; the comment was: 'What was the penalty for? You knew full well he was diving.' He said, 'Well, your lads have been doing it all afternoon, anyway'."

It took a second Barnsley goal, a fierce, angled shot by Barnard, to rouse Everton again, Oster running on to Barmby's pass to beat a defender and roll in the fourth. "I don't think there was much to choose between the teams," Wilson said. Apart from Ferguson, Cadamarteri, Speed, Barmby . . .

EVERTON (3-4-1-2): P Gerrard — C Short, D Watson, S Bilic — G Stuart, D Williamson, (sub: G Farrelly, 60min), G Speed, A Hinchcliffe — N Barmby — D Ferguson, D Cadamarteri (sub: J Oster, 73)

BARNSLEY (3-5-2) D Watson — A Moses, P Shirtliff, A de Zeeuw — M Appleby (sub: C Marcelle, 74), E Tinkler (sub: M Bullock, 84), N Redfearn, D Sheridan, D Barnard — A Ward (sub: G Hristov, 59), A Liddell

Referee: G Ashby

Glitzy Leeds again prove generous to a fault

LEEDS UNITED 0
LEICESTER CITY 1

By Mark Hodkinson

AS MINE hosts, Leeds United are unsurpassed in the FA Carling Premiership. The hospitality begins with the provision of enough parking space to meet the demands of a busy airport. Out on the pitch, cheerleaders dance in the centre circle before kick-off and a male singer, complete with ponytail, performs Wet Wet Wet songs to an uninterested crowd.

The players appear and within a few minutes this all-singing, all-dancing revue begins to look decidedly downbeat. Sure, the effort is apparent, but it seems to be focused on inflicting as many bruises as possible on the shins and calves of opponents.

Suddenly, the kicking and shoving abates and a goal is scored. It is a dull goal, a formulaic goal: a corner, Walsh's forehead, ball in the net, 1-0 to Leicester City. Walsh leaves the field injured three minutes later, job done.

Half-time allows Leeds another chance to play the obliging hosts. Not for them dehydrated triangles posing as sandwiches, instead the gratis fill-up in the press room is a savoury hot meal. Back in the stands, supporters check under their seats for lucky tickets offering free entry to the next home match. No one appears to be looking too closely.

Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, a player born to be dubbed "mercurial", does not appear after the break.

This might have been foretold, since the latest issue of the official Leeds magazine carries the front-page headline: "Jimmy Jimmy — the start of a beautiful relationship". He has now been substituted in consecutive matches and this could be the start of one of those infamous, irascible relationships that habitually descend upon Elland Road.

The futile scurrying continues and despite Leeds's urgency, Leicester come closest to scoring when Heskey forces Martyn to dive across his goal. Leeds are rightly jeered as they leave the pitch: their supporters have discerned that this is ineptitude with fairy lights.

George Graham, the manager, wears the smile of a man who has seen something beautiful pass his way. He has seen a vision in blue, the Leicester defence. "I am quite well up on defences," he says, and grins. "They are probably as good as anyone in the League. They were outstanding and very, very strong. We were running into a brick wall."

His own team is bereft of intelligence. Only Kewell, a substitute, was prepared to pause and put some thought into his distribution. On the way out of the press lounge, a smart young man in a club blazer bids everyone a fond farewell. Leeds United: wonderful manners, shame about the football.

LEEDS UNITED (3-5-2): N Martyn — D Wetherall, G Kelly, L Radebe (sub: R Molenaar, 48min) — G Halle, A I Haaland, L Bowyer, B Ribeiro, D Robertson — R Wallace (sub: D Lilley, 82), J F Hasselbaink (sub: H Kewell, 46)

LEICESTER CITY (3-5-2): K Keller — S Prior, M Elliott, S Walsh (sub. G Fenton, 35) — P Kaamark, M Izzet, G Parker (sub. S Campbell, 66), N Lennon, S Guppy — E Heskey, I Marshall.

Referee: K Burge.

Lombardo offers some light relief

WIMBLEDON 0
CRYSTAL PALACE 1

By Keith Pike

TO BORROW a phrase from Edmund Blackadder, this game started badly, tailed off a little in the middle and the less said about the end the better — but, apart from that, excellent. Nor did it require a cunning plan to win it, merely a cool head. Cue Attilio Lombardo.

For 80 minutes, the match had passed him by. Once the midfield workhorse to the attacking thoroughbreds of Sampdoria and Juventus, now saddled with the responsibility of inspiring the selling-platers that proliferate at Crystal Palace, Lombardo had been balked at every turn by a Wimbledon team at its cussed, unimaginative worst in a cluttered, shapeless, error-strewn derby of unrelenting tedium.

Twice, Lombardo had discovered space where none had existed before. Each time, the shock proved too much: one shot that dribbled apologetically into Neil Sullivan's arms, another volleyed from 30 yards with more than a hint of desperation that passed just the wrong side of a vertical white stick. This one, though, had a flag on it. Goal kick or throw-in? Lombardo had already turned away in disgust.

But his wife and young son were in the stand, watching him in the FA Carling Premiership for the first time, and Lombardo was not to be denied a third time. When Gordon crossed low from the left, and when Sullivan blocked at Freedman's feet, the ball ran loose and Lombardo threaded his shot away from the goalkeeper and between two covering defenders.

A thing of great beauty it was not, and it came too late to rescue a game that exposed the rump of mediocrity below the fillet end of the Premiership, but its relevance was not lost on Lombardo who, having scored more eye-catching goals in Palace's away victories over Everton and Leeds United, now had his first at his new Selhurst Park home.

Perhaps no one had told him that Palace were, in fact, still the visitors; he ran to celebrate with the fans at the Holmesdale Road end, which, being Wimbledon territory for the day, gestured him on his way. Or perhaps it was just Italian humour. According to Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, his very own Bald Eagle "can often be seen giggling in the corner of the dressing-room with Ray Wilkins, his match-day interpreter, when I am talking about something serious".

Lombardo ensured, though, that Palace — having hit the post through Linighan, lost Tuttle with a suspected broken leg and played what little cultured football there was — had the last laugh.

WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): N Sullivan — K Cunningham, C Perry, D Blackwell, A Kimble — S Castledine, V Jones, C Hughes, M Gayle (sub: B Thatcher, 37min) — C Cort (sub: A Clarke, 72), E Ekoku (sub: D Holdsworth, 72)

CRYSTAL PALACE (3-5-2): K Miller — A Linighan, D Tuttle (sub: M Edworthy, 61), H Hreidarsson — K Muscat, A Lombardo, A Roberts, J Fullarton, D Gordon — B Dyer (sub: D Freedman, 58), P Warhurst (sub: N Shipperley, 86)

Referee: P Alcock

McLintock denies inquiry findings

By Our Sports Staff

FRANK McLINTOCK yesterday denied the findings of the Premier League Commission of Inquiry that he had given £50,000 in cash to Nottingham Forest as part of the deal that took Teddy Sheringham to Tottenham Hotspur.

The inquiry team found that McLintock, acting as Sheringham's agent in the transfer, had received the cash, authorised by Terry Venables, then the Tottenham chief executive, and passed it to Ronnie Fenton, the Nottingham Forest assistant manager, at a hotel meeting.

McLintock, Fenton and Sheringham have been accused in the inquiry report of lying to the inquiry team, denying that the meeting had taken place and then giving misleading accounts about what happened. The report claims that Fenton had shared the cash out among Nottingham Forest staff.

Yesterday, McLintock vehemently rejected the inquiry findings into his part in the 1992 deal and maintained that his conduct had been above board. McLintock agreed that he had received the cash from Tottenham, but said that it was money he was due and that it had been declared through the accounts of his company, First Wave Sports Management.

"There was nothing underhand at all," McLintock said. "Everything was above board. I had been working for Spurs for the best part of a year. The culmination of that work was signing Teddy Sheringham for the club.

"Other agents will tell you that you don't always get paid for the work you do for a club but that deal gave me a chance to put pressure on Spurs. I told them that I wanted some money and that if I didn't get it, the transfer wouldn't go through. But I didn't ask for cash. The money had to be declared to the tax and VAT authorities and a banker's draft would have done. It came as cash, even though I hadn't asked for that, and I wasn't going to turn it down."

McLintock: accused

Regarding the report's findings that he had attempted to mislead the inquiry, McLintock added: "That meeting wasn't hidden at all. From day one, I told the fraud squad and the inquiry that I had a meeting because Fenton had the medical papers.

"There's no question of me ever saying there was no meeting. To suggest I did is absolutely astounding. These findings are all based on rumour, innuendo and hearsay. Nothing would stand up in a court of law."

Liverpool ready for Collymore

By Oliver Holt

LIVERPOOL v
ASTON VILLA
Tonight (8.0)

ASTON Villa have recovered from their dispiriting start and Liverpool are beginning to show a few flashes of the form they hoped would propel them towards a championship challenge this season. Neither side, though, has hit the heights expected of them, but this match could provide a catalyst for a change.

Some of the inspiration Liverpool would have hoped to gain from Steve McManaman's bravura goal against Celtic in the Uefa Cup last Tuesday was dissipated by the lacklustre 1-1 draw with Southampton at The Dell on Saturday. After his own goalscoring heroics, Liverpool's striking prodigy, Michael Owen, looks as if he may need a breather.

Robbie Fowler made his first appearance of the season as a substitute at Southampton and although Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said it was too early to give him a full game against Villa, the forward, who has had a knee problem, is likely to play some part in the proceedings.

The match will see the return of Stan Collymore to his old stamping ground. Collymore, who enjoyed an ambiguous relationship with some of his team-mates at Anfield but was popular with the crowd, is likely to get a rough reception from the fans after he criticised some of the Liverpool players when he moved to Villa Park.

Collymore, who cost £7.5 million, apparently concurred with the assessment of some newspapers that the Liverpool players were behaving like so-called Spice Boys and his former team-mates are likely to be desperate to prove a point against him.

Collymore's partnership with Dwight Yorke is showing signs of gelling, and, after a parlous start, Villa have won their past three league games and gained a creditable 0-0 draw at Bordeaux in the Uefa Cup.

Sasa Curcic, their rebel midfield player, seems to have had some sort of overnight conversion to his new team and is playing with renewed commitment. On Saturday, he started his first game for the club this season and his midfield partnership with Mark Draper may start to provide the ammunition that Collymore and Yorke need.

With both teams struggling to find their form, it is likely to be a close encounter, but with home advantage, Fowler on the way back, Riedle fresh from another fine goal against Southampton, McManaman edging back towards his best and the added impetus given by the return of Collymore, Liverpool should be too strong for their visitors.

LIVERPOOL (3-5-2): D James — M Wright, B T Kvarme, D Matteo — J McAteer, M Thomas, P Ince, S McManaman, S Bjornebye — M Owen, K Riedle

ASTON VILLA (3-5-2): M Bosnich — U Ehiogu, G Southgate, S Staunton — F Nelson, M Draper, S Curcic, I Taylor, A Wright — D Yorke, S Collymore.

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ASTON VILLA (0) 2 **DERBY** (1) 1
Yorke 73 — Baiano 15
Joachim 75 — 35,444

Aston Villa: M Bosnich, F Nelson, S Staunton (sub: R Scimeca, 87min), G Southgate, U Ehiogu, A Wright, I Taylor, M Draper, S Grayson (sub: J Joachim, 69min), D Yorke, S Collymore (sub: S Milosevic, 88min)

Derby County: M Poom, G Rowett, C Powell, P Trollope, J Laursen, L Carsley, S Eranio, D Sturridge (sub: D Burton, 75min), C Dailly, J Hunt (sub: A Asanovic, 61min), F Baiano (sub: P Wanchope, 80min) Referee: J Winter

BOLTON (0) 0 **MAN UTD** (0) 0
25,000

Sent off: N Blake (Bolton) 34, G Pallister (Man Utd) 34

Bolton Wanderers: K Branagan, P Frandsen, G Taggart, J Pollock, S Sellars (sub: P Beardsley, 66min), N Blake, J McGinlay, A Thompson, G Bergsson, M Fish, M Whitlow.

Booked: Frandsen, Bergsson.

Manchester United: P Schmeichel, G Neville, D Irwin, G Pallister, D Beckham, N Butt, A Cole, K Poborsky (sub: P Neville, 55min), R Keane, P Scholes (sub: O G Solskjaer, 55min), H Berg.

Booked: Beckham, Irwin, Cole, P Neville.

Referee: P Durkin.

EVERTON (2) 4 **BARNSLEY** (1) 2
Speed 17, 77 (pen) — Redfearn 32
Cadamarteri 42 — Barnard 78
Oster 84 — 32,659

Everton: P Gerrard, G Stuart, A Hinchcliffe, C Short, D Watson, S Bilic, D Williamson (sub: G Farrelly, 60min), N Barmby, D Ferguson, D Cadamarteri (sub: J Oster, 72min), G Speed

Barnsley: D Watson, M Appleby (sub: C Marcelle, 74min), D Sheridan, A Moses, A de Zeeuw, N Redfearn, A Liddell, P Shirtliff, E Tinkler (sub: M Bullock, 85min), D Barnard, A Ward (sub: G Hristov, 58min)

Booked: De Zeeuw, Tinkler, Sheridan, Shirtliff, Hristov

Referee: G Ashby

LEEDS (0) 0 **LEICESTER** (1) 1
29,620 — Walsh 32

Leeds United: N Martyn, G Kelly, D Robertson, A I Haaland, L Radebe (sub: R Molenaar, 48min), D Wetherall, R Wallace (sub: D Lilley, 83min), J F Hasselbaink (sub: H Kewell, 46min), B Ribeiro, L Bowyer, G Halle.

Booked: Bowyer, Molenaar

Leicester City: K Keller, S Walsh (sub: G Fenton, 36min), M Izzet, N Lennon, G Parker (sub: S Campbell, 66min), E Heskey, P Kaamark, S Prior, M Elliott, I Marshall, S Guppy

Booked: Izzet, Heskey

Referee: K Burge.

SHEFF WED (0) 0 **COVENTRY** (0) 0
21,087

Sheffield Wednesday: K Pressman (sub: M Clarke, 22min), P Atherton (sub: W Collins, 17min), I Nolan, M Pembridge, J Newsome, D Walker, G Whittingham, D Hirst, P Di Canio, S Nicol, J Magilton (sub: S Oakes, 73min)

Booked: Pembridge

Coventry City: S Ogrizovic, R Shaw, D Burrows, P Williams, D Dublin, G McAllister, J Salako, P Telfer, T Solvedt (sub: W Boland, 61min), M Hall, R Nilsson

Booked: Burrows, Dublin

Referee: G S Willard.

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 **LIVERPOOL** (1) 1
Davies 48 — Riedle 37
15,252

Southampton: P Jones, J Dodd, F Benali, K Richardson, K Monkou, C Lundekvam, M Le Tissier (sub: J Bowen, 42min, sub: A Williams, 73min), M Oakley, M Evans, K Davies, A Neilson.

Booked: Benali, Le Tissier

Liverpool: D James, J McAteer, S I Bjornebye, B T Kvarme, M Wright, D Matteo, S McManaman, P Ince, K Riedle (sub: P Berger, 69min), M Owen (sub: R Fowler, 60min), M Thomas.

Booked: Kvarme. Referee: P Jones

TOTTENHAM (0) 0 **BLACKBURN** (0) 0
26,573

Sent off: P Valery (Blackburn) 79

Tottenham Hotspur: I Walker, J Edinburgh, D Howells, G Mabbutt, R Fox, S Carr, D Ginola, J Dominguez, S Campbell, S Clemence, P Mahorn (sub: R Vega, 82min)

Blackburn Rovers: T Flowers, J Kenna, T Sherwood, C Hendry, C Sutton, M Dahlin (sub: G Croft, 80min), J Wilcox (sub: W McKinlay, 84min), L Bohinen, G Flitcroft, P Valery, S Henchoz

Booked: Flitcroft, Sherwood. Referee: G Barber.

WEST HAM (0) 0 **NEWCASTLE** (1) 1
25,884 — Barnes 44

West Ham United: L Miklosko, T Breacker (sub: M Hughes, 46min), D Unsworth, J Hartson, S Lomas, I Dowie, R Ferdinand, F Lampard, S Lazaridis, I Pearce, E Berkovic (sub: S Potts, 71min).

Booked: Lomas.

Newcastle United: S Given, W Barton, J Beresford, D Batty, D Peacock, R Lee, J Barnes (sub: S Howey, 70min), F Asprilla, K Gillespie, S Watson, P Albert.

Booked: Barton, Gillespie, Lee.

Referee: S Dunn.

WIMBLEDON (0) 0 **C PALACE** (0) 1
16,747 — Lombardo 80

Wimbledon: N Sullivan, K Cunningham, A Kimble, V Jones, D Blackwell, C Hughes, E Ekoku (sub: D Holdsworth, 72min), M Gayle (sub: B Thatcher, 37min), C Perry, S Castledine, C Cort (sub: A Clarke, 72min).

Booked: Perry, Kimble, Hughes.

Crystal Palace: K Miller, D Gordon, A Roberts, D Tuttle (sub: M Edworthy, 61min), A Linighan, A Lombardo, P Warhurst (sub: N Shipperley, 85min), B Dyer (sub: D Freedman, 59min), K Muscat, H Hreidarsson, J Fullarton.

Booked: Fullarton.

Referee: P E Alcock.

Yesterday

CHELSEA (1) 2 **ARSENAL** (1) 3
Poyet 40 — Bergkamp 45, 59
Zola 60 — Winterburn 89
33,012

Sent off: F Leboeuf (Chelsea) 67

Chelsea: E de Goey, D Petrescu (sub: M Nicholls, 45min), F Leboeuf, G Poyet, G Vialli (sub: M Hughes, 57min), D Wise, M Duberry, G Le Saux, R Di Matteo (sub: T A Flo, 61min), P Hughes, G Zola.

Booked: Wise.

Arsenal: D Seaman, L Dixon, N Winterburn, P Vieira, S Bould, A Adams, I Wright, D Bergkamp, M Overmars (sub: G Grimandi, 90min), R Parlour (sub: L Boa Morte, 88min), E Petit.

Booked: Bould, Bergkamp, Grimandi.

Referee: D Gallagher.

THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

TOMORROW

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Bolton v Tottenham (7.45). Wimbledon v Barnsley (7.45).

COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, second leg. Barnet v Middlesbrough (7.45). Bury v Sunderland (7.45). Peterborough v Reading (7.45). Sheffield United v Watford (7.45). Stockport v Birmingham (7.45). Torquay v Ipswich (7.45); Tranmere v Notts County (7.45); Walsall v Nottingham Forest (7.45); West Bromwich v Luton (7.45); York v Oxford United (7.45)

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Cheltenham v Slough (7.45). Yeovil v Kidderminster (7.45)

WEDNESDAY

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal v West Ham (8.0). Coventry v Crystal Palace (7.45). Leicester v Blackburn (7.45); Manchester United v Chelsea (8.0). Newcastle v Everton (7.45); Sheffield Wednesday v Derby (7.45); Southampton v Leeds (7.45)

COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, second leg: Stoke v Burnley (7.45). Wolverhampton v Fulham (7.45).

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Queens Park Rangers v Portsmouth (7.45).

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Kilmarnock v Rangers (7.45)

FRIDAY

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Norwich v Ipswich (7.45).

SATURDAY

kick-off 3.0

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa v Sheffield Wednesday. Barnsley v Leicester, Chelsea v Newcastle, Crystal Palace v Bolton, Derby v Southampton, Everton v Arsenal, Leeds v Manchester United, Tottenham v Wimbledon, West Ham v Liverpool.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Bury v West Bromwich, Charlton v Stockport, *Crewe v Tranmere, Manchester City v Swindon, Nottingham Forest v Stoke, Oxford United v Bradford, Port Vale v Queens Park Rangers, Portsmouth v Reading, Sheffield United v Birmingham, Wolverhampton v Huddersfield. **Second division:** Blackpool v Southend, Bournemouth v Grimsby, Brentford v Burnley, Bristol City v Luton, Carlisle v Gillingham, *Northampton v Millwall, Oldham v Bristol Rovers, Plymouth v Walsall, Watford v York, Wigan v Fulham, Wrexham v Chesterfield, Wycombe v Preston. **Third division:** Barnet v Lincoln, Brighton v Rochdale, Cambridge United v Cardiff, Colchester v Exeter, Darlington v Mansfield, Hartlepool v Shrewsbury, Macclesfield v Peterborough, Rotherham v Chester, Scarborough v Notts County, Scunthorpe v Hull, Swansea v Leyton Orient, Torquay v Doncaster

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Hayes v Hednesford, Hereford v Stalybridge, Kidderminster v Farnborough, Northwich v Stevenage, Southport v Rushden and Diamonds, Woking v Morecambe

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen v Dunfermline, Dundee United v Celtic, Hibernian v St Johnstone, Kilmarnock v Hearts, Rangers v Motherwell. **First division:** Airdrie v Ayr, Greenock Morton v Dundee, Hamilton v Stirling, Raith v Falkirk, St Mirren v Partick. **Second division:** Brechin v Queen Of South, Inverness CT v Clyde, Livingston v Clydebank, Stenhousemuir v Forfar, Stranraer v East Fife. **Third division:** Alloa v Arbroath, Berwick v East Stirling, Cowdenbeath v Albion, Dumbarton v Queen's Park, Montrose v Ross County

SUNDAY

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn v Coventry (4.0)

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division, Sunderland v Middlesbrough (1.0).

CARLING F.A. PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
	HOME						AWAY						
1 Man Utd	7	3	0	0	6	1	2	2	0	4	0	17	+9
2 Arsenal	7	2	1	0	6	1	2	2	0	10	7	15	+8
3 Blackburn	7	2	1	1	12	7	2	1	0	6	1	14	+10
4 Leicester	7	2	2	0	7	3	2	0	1	3	2	14	+5
5 Chelsea	6	1	0	1	6	5	3	0	1	13	3	12	+11
6 West Ham	7	2	0	1	5	3	1	1	2	5	6	10	+1
7 Liverpool	6	1	0	1	3	3	1	3	0	5	3	9	+2
8 Newcastle	4	2	0	1	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	9	+1
9 A Villa	7	2	0	1	3	5	1	0	3	5	5	9	-2
10 C Palace	7	0	0	3	1	6	3	0	1	5	2	9	-2
11 Coventry	7	2	2	0	7	5	0	1	2	0	5	9	-3
12 Tottenham	7	2	1	1	4	4	0	1	2	1	5	8	-4
13 Everton	6	2	0	2	7	7	0	1	1	1	3	7	-2
14 Leeds	7	0	1	3	1	6	2	0	1	7	5	7	-3
15 Derby	5	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	3	1	4	6	0
16 Bolton	6	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	5	8	6	-3
17 Barnsley	7	1	0	3	3	12	1	0	2	3	5	6	-11
18 Wimbledon	6	0	2	2	2	5	1	0	1	4	4	5	-3
19 Sheff Wed	7	1	1	1	2	3	0	1	3	5	12	5	-8
20 Southmptn	7	1	1	2	3	5	0	0	3	2	6	4	-6

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

CREWE (0) 2 **QPR** (2) 3
Lunt 53 — Spencer 4
Adebola 76 — Maddix 8
5,348 — Sinclair 47

IPSWICH (0) 2 **STOKE** (2) 3
Scowcroft 48 — Thorne 13, 30
Holland 67 — Stewart 55
10,665

Sent off: C Swailes (Ipswich) 90

MAN CITY (1) 1 **NORWICH** (1) 2
Bradbury 27 — Adams 38
27,2?? — Coote 64

MIDDLESBRO (3) 3 **BIRMINGHAM** (0) 1
Hignett 22 — Furlong 51
Beck 41 — 30,125
Emerson 43

NOTTM F (1) 1 **PORTSMTH** (0) 0
Van Hooijdonk 34 — 17,292

OXFORD UTD (1) 2 **SHEFF UTD** (2) 4
Jemson 25, 76 — Deane 1
7,514 — Fjortoft 39 (pen)
Holdsworth 67
Whitehouse 80

Sent off: B Ford (Oxford Utd) 37

PORT VALE (1) 1 **BURY** (0) 1
Ainsworth 7 — Swan 82
6,781

STOCKPORT (2) 3 **HUDDERSFIELD** (0) 0
Angell 6, 19 — 6,995
Armstrong 63

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 **WOLVRHMPTN** (1) 1
Smith 17 — Melville 34 (og)
30,652

TRANMERE (5) 6 **READING** (0) 0
Morrissey 4 — 5,565
Kelly 10, 41
Jones 20
Jones 36
Thompson 59

WEST BROM (0) 0 **SWINDON** (0) 0
16,237

Yesterday

CHARLTON (3) 4 **BRADFORD** (1) 1
Mendonca 8, 69 — Edinho 12
Mortimer 13 — 11,523
Brown 23

Sent off: P Beagrie (Bradford) 54

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 **OLDHAM** (1) 2
Quinn 42 — Barlow 43, 68
Philpott 53 — 7,174

BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 **BOURNEMTH** (0) 1
Goater 26 — Robinson 83
8,330

BURNLEY (0) 1 **PRESTON** (1) 1
Cooke 90 — Nogan 19
13,309

CARLISLE (2) 2 **PLYMOUTH** (1) 2
Jansen 2, 45 — Littlejohn 6
5,667 — Wilson 74

CHESTRFLD (0) 0 **BRISTOL R** (0) 0
5,309

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 **WATFORD** (0) 2
Butters 36 — Rosenthal 50 (pen)
Butler 59 — Johnson 72
7,780

Sent off: J Lee (Watford) 62

GRIMSBY (0) 0 **MILLWALL** (0) 1
4,267 — Wilkinson 79

LUTON (1) 2 **WREXHAM** (2) 5
Davis 42 — Brammer 10
Gray 50 — Connolly 26, 63, 73
5,241 — Skinner 62 (pen)

NORTHMPTN (0) 1 **WIGAN** (0) 0
Seal 54 — 6,570

SOUTHEND (1) 1 **FULHAM** (0) 0
Lewis 16 — 5,026

WALSALL (0) 2 **YORK** (0) 0
Boli 49 — 3,972
Hodge 80

Sent off: A McMillan (York) 63

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Brentford 1 Wycombe Wanderers 1

THIRD DIVISION

BARNET (0) 0 **SCUNTHRPE** (1) 1
1,951 — Eyre 28 (pen)

DARLINGTON (1) 1 **HARTLPOOL** (1) 1
Naylor 21 — Cullen 20
3,169

DONCASTER (0) 0 **CAMBRIDGE U** (0) 0
1,256

EXETER (1) 3 **ROTHERHAM** (0) 1
Gardner 22 — Bos 88
Gale 60 — 3,420
Braithwaite 74

LINCOLN (1) 1 **CARDIFF** (0) 0
Thorpe 5 — 3,130

MANSFIELD (3) 4 **CHESTER** (1) 1
Whitehall 26, 38 — Davidson 18 (pen)
Ford 28 — 2,193
Christie 85

PETERBORO (2) 2 **L ORIENT** (0) 0
Castle 3 — 6,629
Quinn 21

ROCHDALE (1) 2 **HULL** (1) 1
Hill 13 — Lowthorpe 38
Stuart 72 — 2,085

SCARBORO (1) 2 **MACCLSFLD** (1) 1
Williams 14, 53 — Peel 58
2,256

SHRWSBURY (0) 1 **NOTTS CO** (0) 2
Blaney 51 — Jones 71
2,532 — Finnan 82

SWANSEA (0) 0 **COLCHESTER** (0) 1
3,414 — Greene 48

TORQUAY (2) 3 **BRIGHTON** (0) 0
Gittens 16 — 2,110
Hapgood 45
Hill 69

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

CELTIC (2) 2 **ABERDEEN** (0) 0
Larsson 26, 38 — 49,017

Celtic: J Gould, T Boyd, S Mahe, J McNamara (sub: P O'Donnell, 70min), M Rieper, A Stubbs (sub: D Hannah, 84min), H Larsson, C Burley, S Donnelly, A Thom, M Wieghorst.

Aberdeen: J Leighton, D Rowson, T Tzvetanov (sub: R Anderson, 71min), G Smith, J Inglis, B O'Neil, J Miller (sub: R Gillies, 64min), E Jess, M Newell (sub: D Windass, 71min), D Dodds, S Glass.

Booked: Inglis, O'Neil

Referee: B Orr

HEARTS (1) 2 **DUNDEE UTD** (1) 1
Pressley 44 (og) — Olofsson 45
Robertson 60 — 13,415

Hearts: R McKenzie, A McManus, N Pointon, D Weir, S Salvatori, P Ritchie, N McCann, S Fulton, J Hamilton, J Cameron, S Adam (sub: J Robertson, 40min)

Booked: McCann, Hamilton

Dundee United: S Dykstra, D Bowman, S Pressley, M Perry, E Pedersen, K Olofsson, L Zetterlund, R McKinnon, J Dolan (sub: G Marklund, 57min), A McLaren (sub: C Easton, 89min), M Skoldmark

Referee: H Dallas.

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 **HIBERNIAN** (0) 1
Coyne 80 — Rougier 46
7,420

Motherwell: S Woods, E May, S McMillan, S Valakari, B Martin, S Craigan, M Weir (sub: L McCulloch, 78min), E Shivute, T Coyne, W Falconer, O Coyle

Booked: May

Hibernian: O Gottskalksson, W Miller, J Boco, J Charnley, A Dods, B Welsh, A Dow (sub: K Harper, 67min), B Lavety, S Crawford, A Rougier (sub: B Grant, 78min), P McGinlay.

Booked: Charnley, Lavety

Referee: G Clyde

ST JOHNSTN (0) 0 **RANGERS** (1) 2
10,093 — Negri 7, 47

St Johnstone: A Main, J McQuillan, A Preston, A Sekerlioglu, S McCluskey (sub: S Tosh, 49min), D Griffin, P Scott (sub: R Grant, 63min), A Kernaghan, J O'Neil, G O'Boyle, G Bowman

Rangers: Snelders, A Cleland, S Stensaas (sub: G Durie, 81min), S Porrini, A Vidmar, J Bjorklund, R Gattuso, S McCall, M Negri, J Albertz (sub: P Gascoigne, 74min), M Laudrup

Referee: W Young.

Yesterday

DUNFRLNE (0) 1 **KILMARNCK** (0) 1
Smith 62 — Wright 89 (pen)
5,374

Dunfermline: I Westwater, G Shields, C Miller, A Tod, S Welsh, H French, A Moore, M Millar (sub: G Shaw, 71min), A Smith (sub: I den Bieman, 80min), S Petrie, D Bingham

Booked: Millar

Kilmarnock: C Meldrum, A MacPherson, M Baker, N Whitworth, K McGowne, R Montgomerie (sub: M Roberts, 83min), A Mitchell, M Reilly, P Wright, J Vareille, D Bagan (sub: A Burke, 78min)

Booked: MacPherson, McGowne, Reilly, Mitchell

Referee: G Mitchell

FIRST DIVISION

AYR (1) 1 **RAITH** (0) 0
Ferguson 34 — 1,987

DUNDEE (0) 0 **HAMILTON** (2) 2
3,611 — Cunnington 27
McFarlane 36

FALKIRK (0) 3 **ST MIRREN** (1) 1
McCart 56 — Watson 2
McGrillen 71 — 3,039
McGowan 78

Sent off: P Fenwick (St Mirren) 32

PARTICK (1) 2 **G MORTON** (1) 1
Morgan 30 — Anderson 32
Henderson 58 — 2,140

STIRLING (0) 0 **AIRDRIE** (0) 0
1,283

SECOND DIVISION

CLYDE (0) 1 **BRECHIN** (0) 1
Brownlie 56 — Feroz 83
750

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 **STENHOUSEMUIR** (0) 0
McCall 71 — 338

EAST FIFE (1) 2 **LIVINGSTON** (1) 3
Moffat 42 — Duthie 39 (pen)
Callaghan 63 (og) — McGee 65
866 — Thalist 75

Sent off: J Cusick (East Fife) 15
R Ryan (East Fife) 89
F Conway (Livingston) 23

FORFAR (2) 3 **STRANRAER** (0) 1
Honeyman 3, 69 — Black 83 (pen)
McPhee 41 — 420

QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 2 **INVERNESS CT.** (0) 1
Flannigan 51 — Wilson 63
Bryce 64 — 1,145

Sent off: G Rowe (Queen Of South) 55
C Christie (Inverness CT) 55

THIRD DIVISION

ALBION (2) 2 **ALLOA** (0) 1
Bruce 6 — Wilson 83
Gardner 33 — 404

ARBROATH (2) 2 **DUMBARTON** (0) 1
Grant 25 — Gow 61
Cooper 36 (pen) — 702

EAST STIRLING (3) 4 **MONTROSE** (0) 1
Watt 18, 19, 51 — McGlashan 69 (pen)
Hunter 31 — 279

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 **COWDNBTH** (0) 0
Hardie 68 — 526

ROSS CO (1) 2 **BERWICK** (0) 0
Ferguson 28 — 1,579
Callaghan 82

Osei Kuffour, right, of Bayern Munich, challenges Thomas Cichon, of Cologne, during their German League match which Bayern won 3-1. Photograph: Roland Weihrauch

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

DOVER (0) 0 **KIDDRMNSTR** (3) 4
1,152 — Arnold 21, Doherty 33
Deakin 61, Yates 7?

FARNBOROUGH (1) 1 **HALIFAX** (1) 2
Soothe 35 — Horsfield 45
919 — Brook 52

GATESHEAD (1) 1 **WOKING** (1) 2
Innes 45 — Payne 13
732 — Thompson 60

HEDNESFORD (1) 2 **SOUTHPORT** (1) 1
Carty 16 (pen) — Butler 25
Fitzpatrick 91 — 1,513

Sent off: P Carty (Hednesford) 65

KETTERING (0) 1 **HEREFORD** (1) 2
Costello 74 — [illegible] 20, 48
1,404

LEEK (1) 1 **HAYES** (1) 2
Trott 22 — Randall 45, 69
551

MORECAMBE (1) 4 **WELLING** (0) 2
Ceraolo 24, 61, 57 — Hanlon 49, Rutherford 69
Grimshaw 55, Shirley 65
1,370

SLOUGH (0) 3 **NORTHWICH** (0) 0
Hercules 57, Bolt 63 — 657
Browne 66 (pen)

STALYBRIDGE (0) 1 **CHELTENHAM** (1) 4
Sullivan 75 — Howells 14, Watkins 49
561 — Eaton 73, Eaton 87

STEVENAGE (1) 1 **TELFORD** (1) 1
Trott 7 — [illegible] 55
1,947

YEOVIL (1) 1 **RUSHDEN & D** (0) 2
Pickard 29 — Collins 61
2,317 — Hackett 65

Sent off: A Hannigan (Yeovil) 59
M Engwell (Yeovil) 82

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
	HOME						AWAY					
1 Halifax	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2 Morecambe	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3 Cheltenham	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4 Woking	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	16
5 Hednesford	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
6 Hereford	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
8 Hayes	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
9 Welling	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10 Dover	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	5	13
11 Farnborough	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9	12	13
12 Stevenage	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	[illegible]
13 Slough	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	[illegible]
14 Rushden	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
15 Northwich	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9	10
16 Kidderminster	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9
17 Yeovil	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9
18 Telford	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
19 Stalybridge	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
20 Leek	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
21 Gateshead	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	6
22 Kettering	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	5	[illegible]

NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

UNIBOND

PREMIER DIVISION: Accrington Stanley 2 Guiseley 3; Alfreton 1 Bamber Bridge 2; Barrow 1 Colwyn Bay 1; Blyth Spartans 0 Leigh RMI 1; Boston 1 Marine 1; Emley 5 Lancaster 3; Gainsborough 2 Altrnchm 1; Radcliffe 1 Bishop Auckland 2, Runcorn 0 Hyde 1, Spennymoor 2 Chorley 0, Winsford 2 Frickley 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winsford Utd	6	5	0	1	11	4	15
Barrow	8	4	3	1	12	6	15
Boston Utd	9	3	5	1	12	7	14
Hyde Utd	6	3	2	1	12	7	11
Guiseley	8	2	5	1	13	10	11
Altrincham	8	3	1	4	13	8	10
Emley	6	3	1	2	13	11	10
Runcorn	7	3	1	3	9	10	10
Leigh RMI	7	2	3	2	7	5	9
Marine	7	2	3	2	8	7	9
Bishop A'land	6	2	3	1	7	7	9
Lancaster	6	3	0	3	12	13	9
Accrington S	7	3	0	4	8	12	9
Colwyn Bay	8	2	3	3	10	15	9
Gainsborough	6	2	2	2	8	7	8
Spennymoor	6	2	2	2	8	9	8
Blyth Spartans	7	2	2	3	6	8	8
Frickley	5	2	1	2	6	6	7
Bamber Bridge	6	2	1	3	10	11	7
Radcliffe B	7	1	3	3	8	12	6
Chorley	7	1	2	4	9	17	5
Alfreton Town	7	1	1	5	4	14	4

FIRST DIVISION: Ashton 1 Whitley Bay 4, Belper Town 5 Workington 0, Congleton 1 Flixton 3, Droylsden 2 Stocksbridge PS 1, Farsley Celtic 2 Buxton 1, Gretna 1 Bradford P A 0, Matlock Town 3 Whitby 3, Netherfield 1 Harrogate Town 4, Trafford 1 Eastwood Town 0; Witton 3 Lincoln 0. **Postponed:** Worksop v Great Harwood

DR MARTENS

PREMIER DIVISION: Ashford 2 Nuneaton 1; Atherstone 2 Bromsgrove 1; Bath 4 Hastings 2; Crawley 3 Tamworth 2, Dorchester 3 Burton 1, Gloucester 1 St Leonards 1, Gresley 1 Forest Green 5, King's Lynn 0 Halesowen 0, Merthyr 2 Rothwell 2; Sittingbourne 0 Salisbury 3, Worcester 1 Cambridge City 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forest Green	8	7	1	0	25	9	22
Crawley Town	8	6	1	1	20	11	19
Dorchester	8	4	3	1	10	5	15
Nuneaton	8	4	2	2	25	12	14
Merthyr	8	4	2	2	13	8	14
Bath	8	3	4	1	17	13	13
Halesowen	9	3	4	2	8	5	13
Kings Lynn	8	3	4	1	12	10	13
Worcester City	8	4	1	3	10	10	13
Bromsgrove	8	4	0	4	19	13	12
Hastings	8	3	3	2	17	14	12
Gloucester City	7	3	2	2	8	7	11
Atherstone	7	3	2	2	9	10	11
Salisbury	8	3	1	4	10	14	10
Rothwell Town	8	2	4	2	12	17	10
Burton Albion	8	2	2	4	7	10	8
Cambridge City	8	2	2	4	10	14	8
Sittingbourne	9	2	1	6	11	16	7
Tamworth	7	1	3	3	12	14	6
Ashford Town	9	2	0	7	8	18	6
Gresley Rovers	7	1	1	5	7	20	4
St Leonards	9	0	1	8	6	26	1

MIDLAND DIVISION: Corby 1 Solihull Boro 7; Grantham 2 Blakenall 1; Hinckley 0 Brackley 1; Moor Green 2 Paget 4; R C Warwick 2 Bedworth 0; Raunds 3 Bilston 2; Redditch 3 Shepshed Dynamo 2; Stafford 2 Evesham 5; Sutton Coldfield Town 1 VS Rugby 3; Wisbech 2 Ilkeston 5. **Southern division:** Baldock 1 Bashley 2; Cirencester 2 Newport (IoW) 3; Fareham 2 Clevedon 2; Fleet 3 Dartford 2; Havant 2 Cinderford 0; Tonbridge Angels 1 Trowbridge 1; Waterlooville 1 Newport A F C 1 Weston-super-Mare 1 Margate 3, Weymouth 1 Witney 2; Yate 2 Erith and Belvedere 2

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PREMIER DIVISION: Basingstoke 1 Dagenham and Redbridge 2, Bishop's Stortford 3 Walton and Hersham 1; Bromley 3 Aylesbury 0; Carshalton 1 Kingstonian 1 Enfield 0 Sutton United 2; Gravesend and Northfleet 3 Oxford City 2; Harrow 1 Chesham 0; Heybridge Swifts 2 Yeading 2, Hitchin 0 Boreham Wood 2; Purfleet 1 Hendon 0; St Albans 1 Dulwich 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sutton Utd	8	6	0	2	22	10	18
Dag & Red	8	5	2	1	12	6	17
Kingstonian	8	4	4	0	13	3	16
Chesham	9	4	2	3	18	10	14
St Albans	8	4	2	2	12	10	14
Heybridge	8	4	1	3	15	13	13
Boreham Wood	9	3	3	3	17	11	12
Bromley	9	3	3	3	13	11	12
Enfield	8	3	3	2	11	9	12
Harrow Borough	7	4	0	3	10	8	12
Purfleet	7	3	3	1	7	9	12
Hendon	9	3	2	4	11	14	11
Bishop's S	8	3	1	4	11	11	10
Walton & H	9	3	1	5	7	15	10
Carshalton	8	2	3	3	11	15	9
Aylesbury	7	3	0	4	7	13	9
Yeading	7	2	2	3	6	8	8
Basingstoke	8	2	2	4	6	13	8
Gravesend & N	7	2	1	4	12	14	7
Hitchin	9	2	1	6	6	11	7
Oxford City	8	2	1	5	8	19	7
Dulwich	7	0	5	2	10	12	5

FIRST DIVISION: Abingdon Town 0 Hampton 2; Aldershot Town 1 Croydon 1; Berkhamsted 2 Romford 4, Billericay 4 Barton 0; Bognor Regis 2 Chertsey 3, Leyton Pennant 1 Leatherhead 3, Staines 0 Maidenhead 4, Wembley 5 Thame 0 Whyteleafe 3 Uxbridge 2. Wokingham 2 Molesey 1; Worthing 1 Grays 7. **Second division:** Barking 4 Wivenhoe 3; Bedford Town 2 Banstead 0; Canvey Island 4 Chalfont St Peter 0; Egham 0 Braintree 2, Horsham 2 Tooting and Mitcham 1; Hungerford 2 Tilbury 0; Met Police 3 Marlow 2; Northwood 1 Edgware 0, Wealdstone 5 Cheshunt 1, Windsor and Eton 4 Bracknell 2; Witham 0 Leighton 2. **Third division:** Aveley 3 Harlow 4, Camberley 1 Epsom and Ewell 1; Clapton 2 Kingsbury 1, Dorking 3 Ford 3; Flackwell Heath 2 Lewes 1, Hemel Hempstead 1 Hertford 2; Hornchurch 3 Croydon 1, Tring 0 Corinthian Casuals 4, Ware 4 Southall 1; Wingate and Finchley 0 East Thurrock 3

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Basildon 3 Great Wakering 0; Concord 4 Burnham Ramblers 1, East Ham 0 Bowers 2, Hullbridge Sports 2 Brentwood 0; Ilford 4 Saffron Walden 1; Sawbridgeworth 1 Southend Manor 6, Stansted 5 Eton Manor 2

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford 5 Hartley Wintney 0; Chessington and Hook 2 Cove 1; Chipstead 4 Bedfont 1; Cobham 0 Farnham 1; Feltham 5 Merstham 1, Reading 2 Netherne 0, Sandhurst 5 Godalming and Guildford 2; Viking Sports 1 Raynes Park Vale 3; Walton Casuals 0 Ash 2; Westfield 2 Cranleigh 0

MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division north: Arlesey 5 London Colney 1, Biggleswade 3 Letchworth 1; Brache Sparta 5 Bedford 0, Milton Keynes 1 Buckingham Athletic 2, Royston 3 Harpenden 3, Toddington 0 Potters Bar 1; Welwyn Garden 2 Hoddesdon 0. **Premier division south:** Beaconsfield 3 Barkingside 0; Brimsdown 1 Harefield 2; Brook House 5 Haringey Boro 2; Cockfosters 1 Ruislip Manor 3; Hillingdon Boro 1 Amersham 2; Islington 1 Harefield 2; Woodford 5 St Margaretsbury 6

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE. Premier division. Barnstaple 1 Keynsham 2, Bridgwater 1 Chippenham 1; Brislington 1 Bridport 3; Calne 2 Elmore 1, Chard 0 Westbury 1, Mangotsfield 0 Taunton 1, Melksham 1 Odd Down 0, Paulton 2 Bideford 3; Torrington 1 Bristol Manor Farm 1, Backwell 0 Tiverton 4

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss 0 Bury Town 3, Fakenham 4 Felixstowe Port and 1; Gorleston 3 Ely 0, Harwich and Parkeston 1 Histon 3; Newmarket 2 Sudbury Wanderers 3, Soham 1 Halstead 2 Stowmarket 1 Lowestoft 2; Sudbury 3 Great Yarmouth 1, Tiptree 0 Warboys 2, Woodbridge 2 Watton 0; Wroxham 3 Clacton 0

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Totton 0 AFC Newbury 1, Aerostructures 1 Thatcham 1, Bournemouth 4 Romsey 0, Brockenhurst 3 Whitchurch 2; Cowes Sports 4 Wimborne 0, East Cowes 1 Christchurch 0 Eastleigh 3 B A T 0; Gosport 2 Andover 3; Portsmouth R N 0 Lymington 5, Ryde Sports 1 Bemerton Heath Harl 3

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel 1 Redhill 3, Eastbourne Town 3 Horsham Y M C A 1

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Cray 3 Ramsgate 0, Crockenhill 0 Hythe 2, Slade Green 1 Chatham 1, Whitstable 2 Corinthian 0, V C D 3 Sheppey 3

COMPLETE MUSIC HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Burnham 1 Almondsbury 4 Carterton 2 Shortwood 8, Endsleigh 0 North Leigh 1; Hallen 3 Wantage 1; Highworth 3 Harrow Hill 1; Kintbury 1 Swindon Supermarine 3, Tuffley 3 Banbury 2.

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Desborough 2 S and L Corby 1, Kempston 0 Stamford 5, Long Buckby 1 Cogenhoe 2: M Blackstone 3 N Spencer 2, Potton 0 Eynesbury 0; St Neots 3 Buckingham 0; Spalding 1 Wootton 0

INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Barwell 1 Kings Norton Town 2; Bloxwich Town 1 Rocester 4, Boldmere St Michaels 2 Stapenhill 0, Bridgnorth Town 2 Chasetown 2, Knypersley Victoria 3 Sandwell Borough 3; Oldbury United 2 Pershore Town 0; Rushall Olympic 2 Willenhall Town 4, Shifnal Town 1 Halesowen Harriers 2, Stratford Town 4 Pelsall Villa 2. Wednesfield 0 West Midlands Police 0.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Coleshill 5 Cheslyn Hay 1, Coventry Sphinx 2 Handrahan Timbers 1, G P T (Coventry) 2 Bolehill Swifts 0; Highgate 1 Southam 1, Knowle 4 Continental Star 0 Massey Ferguson 0 Worcester 0; Studley B K L 2 Dudley Sports 1 Wellesbourne 1 Meir K A 1 **Postponed:** Bilston Community College v Kenilworth.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich 2 Tividale 0; Bustleholme 0 Stafford 4, Cradley 2 Stourport 1, Gornal 0 Kington 1; Ludlow 2 Brierley Hill 1; Malvern 4 Ettingshall 0; Walsall Wood 4 Darlaston 3; Wolverhampton 0 Wolverhampton Casuals 3

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton Collieries 2 Haslingden 2; Blackpool Rovers 2 Glossop North End 1; Chadderton 1 Warrington 0, Darwen 1 Atherton LR 3; Kidsgrove 2 Nantwich 1, Maine Road 2 Clitheroe 2; Prescot Cables 1 Newcastle Town 1; Ramsbottom 0 St Helens 5, Rossendale 0 Burscough 5; Vauxhall G M 4 Holker Old Boys 4

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 0 Ossett Albion 0; Denaby 2 Arnold 0, Hallam 3 Hatfield Main 2, Hucknall 2 Maltby M W 2; Liversedge 2 Curzon Ashton 2, North Ferriby 1 Brigg 0; Ossett Town 0 Glasshoughton Welfare 0; Pontefract Cols 2 Eccleshill 2; Selby 2 Sheffield 1, Thackley 2 Pickering 2

ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 0 Bedlington Terriers 2, Dunston Federation 3 Guisborough Town 2, Durham City 2 South Shields 3, Easington 2 Seaham Red Star 1, Jarrow Roofing 0 Penrith 2: Morpeth Town 5 Crook Town 2; Murton 1 Billingham Town 0; R T M Newcastle 1 Consett 2; Shildon 4 Northallerton 2, Tow Law Town 2 Stockton 1

FA PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE: Barnsley 2 Crystal Palace 2, Coventry 3 Chelsea 1; Derby 0 Arsenal 4, Leeds 2 Southampton 1, Middlesbrough 2 Queens Park Rangers 0 Nottingham Forest 0 Wimbledon 1, Sheffield Wednesday 3 Tottenham Hotspur 2, Sunderland 1 West Ham United 0

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge 6 Gillingham 5, Crystal Palace 0 Ipswich 1, Fulham 1 Portsmouth 8; Millwall 2 Leyton Orient 3, Norwich 0 Arsenal 0, Queens Park Rangers 0 Charlton 3; Tottenham Hotspur 2 Southend 2; West Ham 3 Watford 1. **Second division:** Bournemouth 1 Wimbledon 2, Brentford 4 Tottenham Hotspur 0, Bristol Rovers 0 Wycombe 3, Colchester 1 Swindon 2, Luton 8 Brighton 1, Reading 2 Barnet 0, Southampton 1 Bristol City 2

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Carthusians v Brentwoods, Cholmelians 1 Foresters 2; Haberdashers 1 Chigwellians 0

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardinal Manning OB 4 O Suttonians 2, O Aloysians 4 O Hamptonians 0; O Ignatians 1 Glyn OB 3, O Meadonians 2 Latymer OB 2, O Vaughanians 1 O Tenisonians 1

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Lensbury 0 South Bank 0, Civil Service 2 East Barnet OG 2, Crouch End Vampires 1 Polytechnic 1, Lloyds Bank 0 Old Actonians 1, Old Parmiterians 0 Norsemen 0, Barclays Bank 3 Nat West Bank 3, Old Lyonian 1 Winchmore Hill 1, Old Salesians 1 Midland Bank 2, Old Owens 1 Alexandra Park 0; Cuaco 1 Old Latymerians 1: Old Esthameians 1 Old Parkonians 2; Bank of England 2 Alleyn OB 1; Old Stationers 1 Ibis 2; Old Westminster Citizens 3 Old Bromleians 3, Southgate Olympic 0 Brentham 3, Merton 0 Kew Assoc 0

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior One: Hale End 4 Parkfield 0, H A C 1 City of London 0; Old Finchleians 1 Southgate County 1; Ulysses 1 Nottsborough 4

FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Northern division: Aston Villa 1 Blyth Spartans 3, Coventry 2 Huddersfield 2, Ilkeston 3 Wolverhampton 0, Sheffield Wednesday 4 Bloxwich 3. **Postponed:** Arnold v Garswood St Helens. **Southern division:** Throg Bridges 1 Southampton Saints 2, Wimbledon 3 Ipswich 2

NATIONAL

LEAGUE OF WALES: Caersws 2 Flint Town 3, Connah's Quay 1 Aberystwyth 0; Cwmbran 0 Bangor City 1; Ebbw Vale 1 Caernarfon 1; Haverfordwest 3 Porthmadog 0; Inter Cable-Tel 1 Cemaes Ynys Mon 0; Rhayader Town 1 Conwy 3; Rhyl 3 Carmarthen Town 0; Welshpool 0 Barry 5. **Leading positions**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barry Town	7	6	1	0	35	12	19
Bangor City	6	6	0	0	14	4	18
Ebbw Vale	8	5	2	1	15	6	17
Inter Cable-Tel	8	5	1	2	13	5	16
Rhyl	7	5	0	2	12	5	15
Connah's Quay	8	3	4	1	14	13	13
Carmarthen T	7	3	2	2	14	11	11
Cwmbran	7	3	2	2	13	10	11
Conwy	7	3	1	3	11	13	10
Aberystwyth	6	2	3	1	9	6	9
Newtown	7	2	3	2	14	15	9

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE. Premier division: Ards 0 Coleraine 0, Glenavon 2 Crusaders 0, Glentoran 1 Portadown 1, Linfield 0 Cliftonville 1; Omagh 3 Ballymena 2.

FAI HARP NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Derry City 1 UCD 1 Drogheda United 1 Cork City 2 Kilkenny City 0 Sligo Rovers 1; Shamrock 2 Finn Harps 1

ULSTER CUP: First division: Distillery 4 Newry 1; Dungannon Swifts 2 Carrick 3, Larne 0 Limavady 2. **Postponed:** Bangor v Ballyclare

OVERSEAS

ITALIAN LEAGUE. Atalanta 0 Sampdoria 2, Bari 0 Bologna 0, Empoli 1 Udinese 1, Lazio 0, Inter Milan 3 Fiorentina 2, Juventus 4 Brescia 0; Piacenza 1 Parma 3, AS Roma 3 Lecce 1, Vicenza 1 Napoli 1

GERMAN LEAGUE. VfL Bochum 2 VfL Wolfsburg 1, Schalke 2 Hamburger SV 2, FC Cologne 1 Bayern Munich 3, Arminia Bielefeld 2 Bayer Leverkusen 1, Werder Bremen 2 Borussia Dortmund 1, Hansa Rostock 4 Hertha Berlin 0, Karlsruhe 2 Kaiserslautern 4, Munich 1860 0 MSV Duisburg 1

DUTCH LEAGUE: Twente Enschede 1 Maastricht 0, RKC Waalwijk 3 Utrecht 1, Groningen 1 Vitesse Arnhem 1, Roda JC Kerkrade 0 Heerenveen 2, NEC Nijmegen 1 Ajax Amsterdam 4, PSV Eindhoven 4 Sparta Rotterdam 2, Willem II Tilburg 5 Volendam 2, Fortuna Sittard 1 Doetinchem 0. **Postponed:** Feyenoord v NAC Breda

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Rio Ave 3 Benfica 1; Farense 1 Chaves 0, Campomaiorense 1 Varzim 0; Academica 2 Salgueiros 1

FRENCH LEAGUE: Auxerre 1 Lyon 2; Cannes 1 Rennes 1, Guingamp 1 Nantes 0, Le Havre 1 Paris Saint-Germain 1; Lens 2 Toulouse 0; Marseilles 2 Chateauroux 0, Strasbourg 0 Bordeaux 0

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Westerlo 5 Antwerp 2, Lokeren 3 Ghent 2; Lommel 3 Genk 1, Sint-Truiden 0 Lierse 5, Club Bruges 4 RWD Molenbeek 0; Harelbeke 1 Beveren 1; Germinal Ekeren 5 Charleroi 0; Aalst 1 Standard Liege 1; Anderlecht 1 Mouscron 2

WORLD CUP: Asian qualifying zone: Final round: Group B: Kazakhstan 1 Uzbekistan 1 (in Almaty).

CAIRO: World under-17 championship: Third place play-off: Spain 2 Germany 1. **Final:** Brazil 2 Ghana 1

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
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FORECASTS: Half-time: No claims are required — winnings sent automatically — forecast is good: seven score draws and 13 no-score draws. Full-time. Telephone claims for 24pts, forecast is very good: nine score draws and seven no-score draws

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
	HOME									AWAY			
1 Nottm F	8	3	0	1	10	4	2	1	1	2	1	16	(12)
2 Swindon	8	2	2	0	5	2	2	1	1	4	3	15	(9)
3 West Brom	8	3	1	0	4	1	1	2	1	4	5	15	(8)
4 Bradford	8	2	2	1	6	8	2	0	1	6	5	14	(12)
5 Sheff Utd	6	3	0	0	5	1	1	2	0	4	2	14	(9)
6 Charlton	7	3	0	0	9	4	1	1	2	6	5	13	(15)
7 Sunderland	8	2	1	1	7	4	2	0	2	6	5	13	(13)
8 Birmingham	7	2	0	1	5	1	2	1	1	7	5	13	(12)
9 QPR	7	2	1	0	4	1	2	0	2	6	9	13	(10)
10 Wolvrhmptn	8	2	2	0	8	4	1	1	2	3	5	12	(11)
11 Middlesbro	6	2	0	1	5	3	1	2	0	5	3	11	(10)
12 Port Vale	8	2	1	1	6	4	1	1	2	3	5	11	(9)
13 Bury	8	1	3	0	3	2	1	2	1	5	6	11	(8)
14 Stoke	7	1	1	1	3	3	2	1	1	4	4	11	(7)
15 Norwich	8	1	0	3	1	8	2	1	1	5	6	10	(6)
16 Portsmth	7	2	1	1	8	6	0	1	2	3	5	8	(11)
17 Tranmere	8	2	0	2	8	6	0	1	3	3	6	7	(11)
18 Oxford Utd	8	2	0	2	7	5	0	0	4	5	10	6	(12)
19 Stockport	8	1	3	0	6	3	0	0	4	4	8	6	(10)
20 Man City	7	0	2	1	4	5	1	1	2	6	7	6	(10)
21 Crewe	7	0	0	4	5	9	2	0	1	5	4	6	(10)
22 Ipswich	6	1	1	1	5	5	0	2	1	3	4	6	(8)
23 Reading	8	1	0	3	3	7	0	1	3	1	11	4	(4)
24 Huddersfld	7	0	2	2	3	5	0	1	2	1	6	3	(4)

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
	HOME									AWAY			
1 Watford	8	4	0	0	8	3	2	1	1	5	4	19	(13)
2 Northmptn	8	3	0	1	4	3	2	2	0	6	2	17	(10)
3 Chestrfld	8	3	1	0	7	3	1	2	1	3	3	15	(10)
4 Oldham	8	3	1	0	8	4	0	3	1	4	6	13	(12)
5 Bristol R	8	2	1	1	7	4	1	3	0	2	1	13	(9)
6 Millwall	6	2	0	1	8	4	2	0	1	4	2	12	(12)
7 Bournemth	8	2	2	0	5	2	1	1	2	5	5	12	(10)
8 Preston	8	3	1	0	6	1	0	2	2	3	5	12	(9)
9 Gillingham	8	2	2	0	6	4	1	1	2	3	5	12	(9)
10 Wycombe	8	2	1	1	7	5	1	1	2	8	10	11	(15)
11 Fulham	8	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	11	(6)
12 Wrexham	7	2	0	1	8	6	1	1	2	7	6	10	(15)
13 Wigan	8	3	1	0	12	5	0	0	4	0	6	10	(12)
14 Blackpool	8	2	1	1	7	7	1	0	3	4	10	10	(11)
15 York	8	2	0	2	5	4	1	1	2	4	7	10	(9)
16 Southend	8	3	1	0	6	2	0	0	4	3	11	10	(9)
17 Brentford	8	2	2	0	6	2	0	1	3	2	9	9	(8)
18 Carlisle	8	1	1	2	3	6	1	1	2	7	7	8	(10)
19 Bristol City	7	2	1	1	6	3	0	1	2	3	5	8	(9)
20 Walsall	8	2	1	1	6	4	0	1	3	2	7	8	(8)
21 Grimsby	8	0	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	5	7	7	(6)
22 Plymouth	8	0	3	1	3	4	0	3	1	4	6	6	(7)
23 Luton	8	1	1	2	4	8	0	2	2	1	3	6	(5)
24 Burnley	8	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	4	1	6	4	(2)

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
	HOME									AWAY			
1 Peterboro	8	3	0	1	9	2	2	2	0	11	5	17	(20)
2 Notts Co	8	3	0	1	6	4	2	2	0	7	3	17	(13)
3 Exeter	8	2	2	0	6	3	3	0	1	5	3	17	(11)
4 Scunthrpe	8	3	1	0	5	2	2	0	2	3	4	16	(8)
5 Cambs Utd	8	3	0	1	11	8	1	2	1	3	2	14	(14)
6 Macclsfld	8	4	0	0	10	2	0	2	2	2	5	14	(12)
7 Colchester	8	3	1	0	7	3	1	1	2	5	8	14	(12)
8 Scarboro	8	3	1	0	6	3	1	1	2	5	6	14	(11)
9 Barnet	8	2	0	2	5	4	2	1	1	8	9	13	(13)
10 Chester	8	3	1	0	6	1	1	0	3	5	8	13	(11)
11 Lincoln	8	2	1	1	5	5	2	0	2	5	6	13	(10)
12 Cardiff	8	1	2	1	5	6	2	1	1	4	3	12	(9)
13 L Orient	8	2	0	2	3	3	2	0	2	5	4	12	(8)
14 Hartlpool	8	2	2	0	7	3	0	3	1	4	5	11	(11)
15 Mansfield	8	2	1	1	8	4	1	0	3	2	4	10	(10)
16 Torquay	8	2	1	1	6	3	1	0	3	3	8	10	(9)
17 Rotherham	8	2	1	1	9	7	0	2	2	3	6	9	(12)
18 Swansea	8	3	0	1	5	1	0	0	4	6	15	9	(11)
19 Rochdale	8	3	0	1	7	3	0	0	4	2	7	9	(9)
20 Shrwsbury	8	2	0	2	5	5	0	1	3	5	9	7	(10)
21 Darlington	8	1	2	1	6	6	0	1	3	2	5	6	(8)
22 Hull	8	1	1	2	7	9	0	0	4	1	7	4	(8)
23 Brighton	8	0	3	1	3	4	0	0	4	2	9	3	(5)
24 Doncaster	8	0	1	3	1	10	0	2	2	3	7	3	(4)

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
	HOME						AWAY						
1 Hearts	6	2	0	0	6	2	2	0	2	5	6	12	+3
2 Hibernian	6	3	0	1	11	4	0	2	0	2	2	11	+7
3 Rangers	4	2	1	0	11	5	1	0	0	2	0	10	+8
4 Celtic	5	1	0	1	3	2	2	0	1	6	4	9	+3
5 Dunfrlne	6	1	2	1	5	6	1	0	1	4	6	8	-3
6 Motherwll	5	0	1	2	3	5	2	0	0	5	1	7	+2
7 Kilmarnck	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	6	5	-3
8 St Johnstn	6	0	1	3	2	7	1	1	0	3	2	5	-4
9 Dundee Utd	6	0	1	1	2	3	0	2	2	4	9	3	-6
10 Aberdeen	6	0	2	1	2	4	0	1	2	4	9	3	-7

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
	HOME						AWAY						
1 Hamilton	6	1	1	1	3	3	3	0	0	8	1	13	+7
2 Dundee	6	2	1	1	6	4	2	0	0	5	1	13	+6
3 Falkirk	6	2	0	1	6	6	1	1	1	5	7	10	-2
4 Ayr	6	1	1	2	5	6	1	0	1	3	2	7	0
5 St Mirren	6	1	1	0	4	3	1	0	3	5	7	7	-1
6 G Morton	6	0	1	1	1	3	2	0	2	7	6	7	-1
7 Stirling	6	0	2	2	4	7	1	1	0	4	3	6	-2
8 Raith	6	1	1	0	3	2	0	2	2	3	6	6	-2
9 Partick	6	1	0	2	3	6	0	3	0	4	4	6	-3
10 Airdrie	6	0	2	1	4	6	0	3	0	2	2	5	-2

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
	HOME						AWAY						
1 Livingston	6	2	0	0	4	1	2	2	0	7	4	14	+6
2 East Fife	6	1	0	2	5	6	3	0	0	5	2	12	+2
3 Clydebank	6	2	1	1	7	4	1	1	0	4	2	11	+5
4 Stenhsmuir	6	2	1	0	6	4	1	0	2	3	3	10	+2
5 Forfar	6	1	0	3	6	10	2	0	0	3	1	9	-2
6 Stranraer	6	2	1	0	6	1	0	1	2	3	6	8	+2
7 Clyde	6	1	1	1	4	3	0	2	1	2	5	6	-2
8 Brechin	6	0	1	1	2	4	1	1	2	6	10	5	-6
9 Queen Of S	6	1	1	1	4	4	0	0	3	3	7	4	-4
10 Inverness CT	6	0	2	1	3	4	0	1	2	5	7	3	-3

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
	HOME						AWAY						
1 Arbroath	6	2	1	0	6	3	2	0	1	8	4	13	+7
2 Ross Co	6	2	0	1	7	4	2	1	0	6	3	13	+6
3 Queen's Pk	6	3	1	0	9	3	1	0	1	1	1	13	+6
4 Alloa	6	2	0	0	6	1	2	0	2	5	4	12	+6
5 Albion	6	3	0	0	6	3	1	0	2	6	11	12	-2
6 East Stirling	6	3	0	1	8	5	0	0	2	0	3	9	0
7 Dumbarton	6	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	3	7	9	4	-3
8 Berwick	6	1	0	2	6	8	0	1	2	1	4	4	-5
9 Montrose	6	1	0	2	3	5	0	1	2	4	11	4	-9
10 Cowdnbth	6	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	3	0	4	3	-6

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FOOTBALL: BEAGRIE'S DISMISSAL ALLOWS CHARLTON SMOOTH PASSAGE TO VICTORY AT THE VALLEY

Mendonca punishes unruly Bradford

Charlton Athletic 4
Bradford City 1

By Russell Kempson

Beagrie, the Bradford City winger, is shown the red card after committing his second bookable offence yesterday. Photograph: Allsport

BRADFORD City's early climb to the top of the Nationwide League has proved one of the more endearing stories of the season so far. After all, it was only four months ago that they had to win their last two matches, and did, to preserve their first-division status.

Yesterday, against Charlton Athletic at The Valley, Bradford undid much of their good work and mutilated any romantic image that they might have built up during their successful struggle for survival. A pathetic display of petulance in the second half, culminating in Beagrie's dismissal in the 55th minute, left a taste as sour as it had been sweet back in May.

At least Chris Kamara, the Bradford manager, conceded as much when he later analysed the hectic proceedings. "It was stupid, we became very indisciplined," he said. "Once Peter had been sent off, the game was over."

With Charlton winning 3-1, and not a hint of trouble, the game took a nasty turn after half-time as petty squabbles degenerated into a series of physical confrontations. In a six-minute spell, four players were booked — three from Bradford — and Beagrie was ordered off for a late challenge on Robinson. He had been cautioned only moments earlier.

"Peter had been our best player in the first half, but you can't do that just after you've been booked," Kamara said. "He claims he didn't touch Robinson but he shouldn't have gone in like that. It was silly."

Indeed, it was game over. From a position of possibly retrieving the deficit, and perhaps securing the victory that would have returned them to the top, Bradford were reduced to scrambling around to avoid a rout. That only one more goal was added, from Mendonca in the 69th minute, was more due to weak finishing than defiant defence.

Yet Charlton's triumph was hugely merited. They had long assumed control before Beagrie's departure and their rise to sixth place is no accident. Wins against Manchester City, Norwich City and now Bradford, from their previous four fixtures, have confirmed their wellbeing.

"I don't think the sending-off should cloud our performance, even if he was one of their most influential players," Alan Curbishley, the Charlton manager, said. "We kept our composure and it was a good display overall. It's nice that we're playing so well, but it's a bit too early to get carried away yet."

Charlton took 11 minutes to make the breakthrough, when Mendonca latched on to Kinsella's flick, turned past Dreyer and drove in his sixth goal of the season. The lead lasted only three minutes, however, with Bradford equalising when Edinho, the Brazilian striker, appeared to head in Beagrie's cross. Television evidence later proved that he had used his palm.

Within 11 minutes, though, Mortimer had restored Charlton's advantage, beating three defenders before hitting a low shot past Prudhoe. With Bradford hardly having had time to draw breath, Brown made it 3-1 with a searing 30-yard drive.

After the second-half argy-bargy had subsided, Mendonca slotted in Robinson's cross for his fifth goal in two matches in five days — to go nicely with his hat-trick in Charlton's 4-0 win away to Norwich on Wednesday.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (4-4-2). A Petterson — S Brown, R Rufus (sub: P Chapple, 81min), S Balmer, A Barness — J Robinson, M Kinsella, K Jones (sub. K Nicholls, 81), P Mortimer — S Jones, C Mendonca

BRADFORD CITY (4-4-2): M Prudhoe — C Wilder, E Youds, J Dreyer, W Jacobs — J Lawrence (sub: N Pepper, 46), C Ramage (sub. A O'Brien, 59), S Murray, P Beagrie — R Blake (sub: O B Sundgot, 46), Edinho.

Referee: A Leake

Head in a whirl as Hearts reach dizzy heights

By Kevin McCarra

HAVING attended a football match on almost every Saturday of the season for the past three decades, it had never occurred to me that going to just one game at a time might be a rather frugal pastime. Now, however, I have to accept that possibility. It was more than just the pain-killers that left me light-headed when, after a minor accident, I was confined to bed at the weekend.

Radio coverage can make you dizzy as it hurls you into the depths of a nation's absorption with the sport. The regular accounts of the victories being assembled by each member of the Old Firm jostled with quirky, colourful and obscure information from other parts. In the circumstances, it seemed perfectly mundane that a new signing from Namibia, Eliphas Shivute, should be having a fine match for Motherwell.

Elsewhere, Hugh Scott, the Morton chairman, was being asked to respond to Internet allegations that the funding for ground redevelopment was in doubt. At Firs Park, David Watt, of East Stirling, was setting unanswerable questions for Montrose as he scored a hat-trick. In Inverness, it turned out to be another bad year in the Scottish Qualifying Cup for Clachnacuddin, who lost to Elgin City.

The fabric of the game turns out to be composed of all these patches of hope, despondency, anger and exultation that grip communities across the country. Emotions are particularly loud in some places and the feats of Henrik Larsson, of Celtic, and Marco Negri, of Rangers, in each scoring two goals were bound to be chronicled at length.

These intriguing, overseas signings are welcome in Scotland, but there is also a duty to honour the familiar, and effective, footballer. John Robertson was brought on as a substitute by Heart of Midlothian on Saturday and scored the winner in a 2-1 victory over Dundee United. There have been plenty of rehearsals, for he has scored 210 goals in League football.

In his constant effectiveness, Robertson, 33 next month, is a figurehead for the club, but the longevity is misleading. He may have survived, but Hearts as a whole are in the midst of furious change and those who had forgotten to pay them much attention will now have to look afresh at Tynecastle. The ground alone is impressive, with a third new stand opened on Saturday.

For the moment, Hearts also dominate another skyline since they stand at the top of the Bell's Scottish League premier division table. In addition to buying well, Jim Jefferies, the manager, has also bought young. Of the players that started the match with Dundee United, six were 24 or under.

Since his appointment in 1995, Jefferies has taken Hearts to one Tennents Scottish Cup final and one Coca-Cola Cup final. This is the first time since 1992 that they have led the premier division.

Last week, Hearts were tempted to make a dramatic addition to the quality of the side by taking Tomas Brolin from Leeds United on a three-month loan. For Brolin, a short spell at Tynecastle might have amounted to no more than a means of recovering match fitness and, by declining to proceed, Hearts showed that they are intent on building long-term strength of their own.

Contenders fail to live up to billing

West Bromwich Albion .. 0
Swindon Town 0

By David Powell

EITHER side could have gone to the head of the Nationwide League first division on Saturday. Neither took its chance. Surely the match had been incorrectly labelled? A top-of-the-table encounter. Swindon Town, in second place. West Bromwich Albion third. Never.

Certainly these two did not look like teams making the early pace towards the FA Carling Premiership. One manager praised his players for their "excellent defending", above all else, and the other found nothing illuminating to say whatsover. It was that bland. Boring commitment in abundance, some flair, but precious few chances.

It was like a 100 metres race without a finish. West Bromwich started fast, Swindon slowly. For the last hour both teams, neck and neck, seemed to be treading water, no winner in sight. There were only two saves to speak of in the entire match, when a drive by Bullock was tipped over the West Bromwich crossbar by Miller and, in the last minute, when Digby kept out Hunt's close-range shot.

On the hour, Sneekes made an exhilarating run towards the Swindon goal and it seemed the deadlock might be broken. Swindon, though, as we know, were defending excellently and the saving tackle may have been what Steve McMahon, the visiting manager, had in mind when praising his back line.

Excellent defending, of course, is what a manager needs when five players, who might have been in, are out injured. Among the missing was Cuervo, the French midfield player, whose flair has been responsible for Swindon's rise this season. Hurry back, Cuervo; Walters, too.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION (4-4-2): A Miller — A McDermott, D Burgess, P Raven, D Smith — S Flynn, I Hamilton, R Sneekes, K Kilbane (sub: S Coldicott, 79min) — R Taylor (sub P Peschisolido, 64), A Hunt

SWINDON TOWN (5-3-2). F Digby — F Darras, C Casper, B Borrows, A McDonald, J Drysdale — A Smith, D Bullock, T Gooden — S Cowe, W Allison

Referee: F Stretton.

Fry's exuberance given full rein

Peterborough United 2
Leyton Orient 0

By Pat Gibson

BARRY FRY could not contain himself. "Top of the league," the Peterborough United manager gushed. "Ten games without defeat, more goals than anyone else in the country, the leading scorer and the best striking partnership in the land ... and I still don't think we're the finished article by any means".

Let us begin by putting one or two things in perspective. The league in question is the Nationwide League third division. And while Martin Carruthers and Jimmy Quinn can claim to be the most prolific pair of strikers with 16 goals between them, they are not quite in the same class as, say, Wright and Bergkamp or Sutton and Gallacher.

Never mind. It is still quite a start by the great wheeler-dealer, who has lost no time in bouncing back from the despair of relegation last season which dampened even his enthusiasm for a while.

The cynic might suggest that he ought to be in his element at this level because in just about every game he seems to have bought and sold most of the players on the field in his time. It does seem, however, that he is being more selective with the money which has been made available by the new chairman, Peter Boizot, who has previously been more associated with hockey and pizzas than football.

Take Neil Lewis, the talented full back who was offloaded by Leicester City after spending some time as a guest of Her Majesty for assault. The forgiving Fry picked him up for £75,000 and he looked a bargain as he channelled his aggression into some thrilling raids down the Peterborough left.

Take, too, Quinn, the nomadic Northern Ireland international, who had scored 185 goals in 522 games during a career that had taken him to Swindon Town, Blackburn Rovers, Leicester, Bradford City, West Ham United, Bournemouth and Reading, but who was wondering what he was going to do next when his spell as joint-manager of Reading did not work out. He need not have worried. Fry was the first man on the phone and though Quinn, 37 now but still a cut above most strikers in the lower divisions, had more prestigious offers he was impressed by what he saw at Peterborough.

It looked as though he was a good judge at London Road on Saturday. Peterborough took the lead in their first attack, Lewis crossing perfectly for Castle to flash a third-minute header past Hyde, and went farther ahead 18 minutes later when Carruthers flicked on Farrell's cross to Quinn, who finished with practised ease.

There might have been many more goals, Houghton thundering a shot against the crossbar, Carruthers missing a chance to score his tenth goal of the season when Quinn headed him through and then Quinn, of all people, missing a penalty.

PETERBOROUGH UNITED (4-4-2): M Tyler — C McMenamin, A Edwards, M Bodley, N Lewis — D Farrell, S Castle, D Payne, S Houghton (sub. W Bullimore, 80min) — M Carruthers, J Quinn (sub: C Cleaver, 88)

LEYTON ORIENT (3-5-2) P Hyde — D Smith, S Clark, M Warren — J Channing (sub D Hanson, 69), T Richards (sub: R Joseph, 28), M Ling, A Inglethorpe, D Naylor — S McGleish, C Griffiths.

Referee: C Finch.

Horsfield spurs Halifax

HALIFAX Town continued their merry way at the top of the Vauxhall Conference by beating Farnborough Town 2-1 at Cherrywood Road on Saturday (Walter Gammie writes). Still unbeaten, George Mulhall's team have now won three matches away from home — as many as in the whole of last season.

Mulhall's recruitment has given the defence an assured look and in Geoff Horsfield Halifax have the league's in-form striker. When he equalised Chris Boothe's goal for Farnborough in the last minute of the first half, Horsfield brought his tally for the season to ten in eight Conference matches. The winner was scored in the 65th minute by Gary Brook.

Pushing Horsfield in the scoring charts is Neil Grayson, of Hereford United, whose double made it eight for the season and brought a 2-1 victory at Kettering Town — still without a win and stuck at the foot of the table.

Luton's defensive cupboard bare

Luton Town 2
Wrexham 5

By Bill Edgar

ADORED in the early 1980s for their adventurous arrival in the top flight but hated later that decade for using an artificial pitch and banning away fans, Luton Town are these days provoking only pity. Mad defending by the Hatters at Kenilworth Road on Saturday leaves them second to bottom of the Nationwide League second division — their worst position for 30 years.

The nadir of the defeat by Wrexham came after Trevor Peake, Luton's reserve-team coach, was sent on as a 58th-minute substitute in a desperate bid to strengthen a defence that was struggling to keep the score at 2-2. Peake was playing his first League game in 17 months and, predictably, his 40-year-old legs were no match for Wrexham's lively attack.

The Welsh side scored three times within 15 minutes of Peake's arrival to leave the Luton manager, Lennie Lawrence, bemoaning the long-term injuries that have weakened his defence.

"With that back four's total unfamiliarity with each other, I'm not going to get a clean sheet unless there's a miracle," Lawrence said. "The frightening thing is that there is little I can do about it. I've got no more money to spend. I've already got my quota of two short-term loan players and there are no players available for a long-term loan."

For the record, Wrexham took a two-goal lead through Dave Brammer and Karl Connolly but goals from Steve Davis and Phil Gray brought Luton level five minutes into the second half. Craig Skinner hit Wrexham's third from the penalty spot before the impressive Connolly completed his hat-trick.

LUTON TOWN (4-4-2) A Dibble — G McGowan, S Davis, B Small, R Harvey (sub T Peake, 58min) — D Marshall (sub. S Evers, 91), G Waddock (sub T Thorpe, 46), P McLaren, D Oldfield — P Gray, S Douglas.

WREXHAM (4-4-2). A Marriott — M McGregor, B Jones, B Carey, P Hardy — C Skinner, W Phillips, D Brammer, G Owen — D Spink, K Connolly (sub: S Watkins, 89)

Referee: P Reier.

Archery school finds the target

By John Goodbody

MENTION archery and anyone immediately thinks of Robin Hood. Barely two miles away from his famous oak, near Mansfield, in Nottinghamshire, is Wellow House, who on October 3 will be defending their British schools archery title.

However, any inspiration provided by the tradition of England's most celebrated outlaw must be subconscious for the pupils of Wellow House. When you say the name of Robin Hood there may not exactly be blank stares from the boys and girls but there are scarcely looks illustrating their familiarity with the legend.

Yet this prep school of 130 pupils, aged from 2½ to 13, enjoys an astonishing reputation in the Olympic sport. They have lost the prep schools title only once since 1976. In the British schools (under-18) championships, they have finished first four times, although they had been shooting shorter distances than their older rivals. The girls, too, have taken five national championships.

It is not as if Wellow House unduly concentrates on archery. About 20 pupils practise regularly and then usually only twice a week. It runs alongside the customary activities of football, swimming, cricket and netball.

However, as so often when you find excellence in schools' sport, there is invariably a devoted teacher or coach guiding the pupils. Nick Forbes has been a teacher since 1972 and, as he sits surrounded by the bows, arrows and all the ancient crafts and modern equipment that makes up the sport, you understand why such excellence is possible.

Dr Malcolm Tozer, the headmaster, said: "He has a charisma. Pupils do it for him. They respond to the challenges."

However, archery does offer an alternative activity to the more commonplace sports. Dr Tozer said: "There will always be less hearty children and you need to counterbalance those sports which attract hearty children. For us, archery is part of that and so is table tennis. They tend to pick up different pupils.

"Archery has a discipline as has choir singing. There is a code of etiquette and the pupils are always working through a pattern of activity, with everyone conscious of the needs of safety."

On Thursdays, when there is a choice in the games programmes, the archers will be practising outdoors or in the unusually long indoor sports hall, which can accommodate a 30-metre round.

Dr Tozer outlines the advantages of the sport. "It introduces manipulative skills. There is fine hand-eye combination and a mixture of physical and mental disciplines. Pupils are responsive to the challenges — goals get progressively harder to reach with the targets moving further away."

Forbes, who estimates he has supervised 910,000 arrows being shot in his 25 years at the school, points to the need for a routine. "Everyone thinks they can do it. You have to get rid of the indians and cowboys thing. I demonstrate and I hope they will imitate. They learn how to pick up the bow, how to pull, how to aim. The arrow has to be horizontal to the ground and there should be a continuous line between the bow-hand, arrow and the rear of the pulling arm."

Some pupils drop our because they lack the concentration or physical strength. In shoulder-to-shoulder competitions, such as the schools championships at Bloxham next month, there is a need to conquer nerves.

Eleanor Sanson, ten, a member of the successful team last year, said: "Sometimes at events you want to do it and sometimes you don't. But if you win, it is like Christmas. I really miss it in the holidays."

Meridian Ayers, eight, contrasts archery with football. "Archery is so skilful. There is the bow and the target. It is not like football where everyone is rushing all over the place."

It is the individuality of the activity that appeals to Sarah Sunderland, 12, another member of the girls team. "I often compete in my mind against myself. I bet I am going to get a bull's eye."

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Cardiff find form with a flourish

CARDIFF Devils and Nottingham Panthers, forced to settle for 2-2 draws against Bracknell Bees and Basingstoke Bison respectively in midweek, returned to winning ways on Saturday in group B of the Benson and Hedges Cup (Norman de Mesquita writes). The Panthers defeated Peterborough Pirates 11-1, with Derek Laxdal scoring three goals and Neil Morgan two. The Devils beat Basingstoke 4-2.

Two other teams to have easy wins against lower-division opposition were Bracknell, who beat Slough 7-0, and Newcastle Cobras, who outclassed Paisley Pirates 13-3. Ayr Scottish Eagles defeated Telford Tigers 12-2.

In Sheffield, the Steelers went down 9-4 to Manchester Storm. Rob Wilson, of the Steelers, and Kris Miller, of the Storm, were sent off.

The eight Superleague teams look set to reach the quarter-finals. In group A, Manchester and Newcastle have 11 points from seven games. In group B, Cardiff have 11 from six, two points ahead of Nottingham, who have a game in hand.

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Atkinson leads assault on the sensitive ear

JULIAN MUSCAT

TV ACTION REPLAY

We all remember them ... those feisty midweek nights when British football clubs dominated European competitions. Thirtysomethings will recall frittering away the evening until *Sportsnight* delivered highlights of Liverpool's Champions' Cup quarter-final match with the likes of Dinamo Moscow.

Most things have changed since then. The Heysel Stadium disaster marked Britain's passage into the European wilderness. The Champions' Cup is now the Champions' League. The likes of Dinamo Moscow are relics of the communist era and the red carpet is rolled out for every British venture into Europe. Four of the five terrestrial channels screened live matches last week. It was harvest time for the football pundit.

However, British television coverage remains rooted in the past. David Pleat was barely passable on BBC1 (Celtic v Liverpool). Nigel Spackman anonymous on Channel 5 (Chelsea v Slovan Bratislava), while Ron Atkinson traded exclusively as hyperbole-user-in-chief and arch-executioner of the English language on ITV (Newcastle United v Barcelona).

Atkinson's park mentality is ill-suited to the increasingly sophisticated realm of European football. His early admonishment of the Italian referee rebounded badly as the official handled an intense occasion with rare aplomb. Indeed, Atkinson has become a prime source of earache, his remarks compounded by Brian Moore's unashamedly biased commentary.

It was Moore who patented the art of ridiculing continental goalkeepers and their inability to catch crosses cleanly. Yet when the Newcastle goalkeeper fumbled a corner before retrieving the ball, Moore asked us to disbelieve our eyes. "That was safely held by Given," he said with misplaced assurance.

Meanwhile, back in the studio, Glenn Hoddle correctly predicted that it was a good time for Newcastle to be playing a disorganised Barcelona — but only just. The Spaniards' late rally almost retrieved a three-goal deficit, which brought back the words of Alan Shearer. It would be a low-scoring game he had ventured, in the process illustrating the folly of employing partisanship in the analyst's seat. Shearer, of all people, should be aware of the frailties of the Newcastle defence.

At least ITV allocated sufficient time to its studio guests. On BBC1 the previous night, Des Lynam, Alan Hansen and Trevor Brooking had barely introduced themselves before it was off to John Motson and Pleat in the Celtic Park cauldron. Once again, hyperbole ruled the airwaves, the rich history of the fixture thunderously reverberating down Motson's microphone. Yet times have changed and it was Pleat who unwittingly trod on Motson's toes when he observed: "They've dubbed it as Scotland versus England but there are only five Scots in the Celtic line-up tonight."

Motson's sole stab at raising the punditry stakes descended to pantomime when the game paused for breath. "The Frenchman is keeping McKinlay out of the Celtic side; he seems to play for Scotland but not for his club. What does that tell you?" Motson inquired of Pleat. The subsequent silence was deafening.

Thank God, therefore, for Hansen. Here is the master-pundit prepared to dish out warranted criticism. Some absurd comparisons between players on show and the all-time greats grated with Hansen, who rounded sharply when Lynam suggested that Donnelly, of Celtic, was in the mould of Dalglish. "He's had some good opportunities and he should have done better," came Hansen's rebuke. This vignette offered all the more reason to regret the haste with which the BBC cameras departed at the final whistle.

For Chelsea v Bratislava on Channel 5, we had the conventional studio set, the conventional presenter, the conventional analyst in Paul Elliott and, alongside him, the unconventional Ally McCoist in conventional mood. Even Jonathon Pearce, the commentator, lacked his usual effervescence. Deprived of his goal-saluting prowess when the forecast hatful failed to materialise, he seemed particularly subdued.

All in all, then, a far-from-vintage display from the plethora of analysts on show. British teams have caught up with their European rivals largely through investment in continental players. It may be time to adopt a similar approach to analysts.

'Violence is no longer rugby union's cosy little secret. The doors to the club have been flung open'

Fighting talk fails to disguise the fudge

SIMON BARNES

I went to a fight on Saturday and a rugby union match broke out. Ho! Ho! For the sports pages last week were filled with the latest violence in rugby, violence that broke out, once again, between Welsh and French clubs in the European club competition.

The worst of it took place in Brive, home of the Heineken Cup-holders, nine days ago. But on Saturday, despite having three players injured in a post-match bar-room brawl, Brive turned up to play Bath in the same competition and narrowly lost a wonderful match.

The violence was saved for the postmatch press conference. Laurent Seigne, the Brive coach, said through an interpreter: "Today we played a real rugby union match in a good competition. Last week we played against semi-civilised ..." The interpreter's voice tailed away apologetically. Seigne supplied the missing word himself and in English: "Animals."

Last week, Brive played against Pontypridd, who themselves had a good victory at the weekend in a decent match against Scottish Borders. But Brive against Pontypridd was absurdly violent and was followed by the now infamous post-match clash in which the players got stuck into each other once again in a local bar. There were also violent confrontations in the match between Pau and Llanelli.

Brive are due to play against Pontypridd in Wales next week. Seigne thinks that the match should be cancelled and awarded to Brive, or at least played on neutral ground. "It is impossible to imagine a match in Pontypridd against that kind of player," he said. He claimed that there was also trouble with the Pontypridd supporters and there is even talk of Brive bringing their own security force if they are required to play the fixture as planned.

The directors of the competition meet today to decide what sort of sanctions, if any, they will bring against the sinning and/or sinned-against clubs. The post-match excitement, as well as the on-pitch excesses, will be considered. It will be a very ticklish one to call. The grievances have gone very deep.

The fact is that the French are irredeemably violent and need to be slapped down at regular intervals. The fact is that the Welsh are out-of-control maniacs who should be given as hard a time as possible. The fact is that rugby union is basically an anglophone conspiracy against the French. The fact is that neither Welsh players nor French players are paid-up members of the English middle classes.

The fact is that to introduce culture clashes in sport is asking for trouble. The fact is that culture clashes in sport make for splendid matches. Bath's tactical approach on Saturday was matched by Brive's moments of searing inspiration — in international sport, the tendency to play up to your own national stereotype seems almost irresistible.

But let us go to the heart of the matter. The only fact worth considering in this business is that rugby union is an irredeemably violent game. No ball game in the world admits so much legitimate physical contact and physical combat. To say that rugby union has an endemic problem with violence is like saying that football has an endemic problem with people kicking the ball. Violence does not break out in rugby union. Violence is the nature of the game.

There are other very violent ball games, but in rugby league and Australian Rules the violent clashes are out in the open. American football is also a very violent game, with off-the-ball clashes a legitimate part of it all. The inevitable problems are kept in check by the very large number of officials and by protective clothing. Fights regularly break out (at which the camera generally cuts elsewhere), but it is hard to give a black eye to a man in a helmet.

In rugby union, the lineout, the scrum, the ruck and the maul are essentially violent physical confrontations and, by their nature, much of what goes on is invisible to all save the participants. The rules, as with most violent ball games, are complicated. Rugby union, because of its violence and its necessarily complex rules, is a game of stopping and starting, of whistling and taking penalties.

"I told the players at the start of the season that it is essential we reduce our penalty count," Andy Robinson, the Bath coach, said, "and that is much easier now that I have retired. Heh-heh-heh. There were a couple of off-the-ball incidents today, nothing too bad. That's what's rugby union's about. It's an aggressive game. There are always times when violence spills over and players lose their heads. Other times, you get games like this."

The game on Saturday was won and lost on the question of discipline. Bath conceded five penalties to Brive's 22. Seigne thought this was not fair. The standards of refereeing in this sport are notoriously subjective. One of the game's essential skills is to come to terms with a referee's understanding of the rules and to play accordingly. Brive failed to do this and, though they won the try-count 3-2, Callard kicked his penalties for Bath and that was set and match point.

"I want no retaliation from my players," Robinson said. His reason for this noble stance was simplicity itself: "It could cost us the game." If you want to make illegal violence unacceptable to people in professional sport, you must make illegal violence an extremely expensive matter *in sporting terms*.

It has been the tradition of rugby union to gloss over violence. Boys will be boys. Even today, there are cries for rugby authorities not to "overreact" to the latest unpleasantness. The question of illegal violence in rugby union has been fudged for too long, to a degree wholly unacceptable in a professional sport. Referees are as reluctant to punish violent offences as they are eager to leap on the pedantries of technical infringement.

It begins with referees. They need an instant form of punishment for illegal violence and they need the backing of everyone else involved in the game when these are applied. The game is watched as never before. This match was live on television and radio and there was a massive contingent of newspaper people. Violence is no longer rugby union's cosy little secret. The doors of the club have been flung open.

Illegal violence in rugby may be inevitable, but complacency is not the right response. The aim should be to minimise violence rather than to pretend it does not matter. It is the fudging of illegal violence that sticks in the craw. Fudging leads to inevitable escalation.

Rugby union, in short, needs to grow up. And do not think that because I point out these flaws I am hostile to the sport. No sporting person who watched the match on Saturday could hold such a view. It was a belter and the clash of temperaments and cultures made for much of its beauty. "The real dream of rugby is to play games like today," Seigne said. "To win one day, to lose another — it is all right if we are playing at this level."

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SPORTS LETTERS

Time to scrap county game

From the Headmaster of Colchester RGS

Sir, Turkeys don't vote for Christmas and of course the first-class counties, so assiduously consulted by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) management, will not vote for their own demise. However, by retaining the county championship and the professional structure which supports it, Lord MacLaurin's blueprint for English cricket ensures that the ailments which have for so long affected our cricket will continue.

There is a simple and radical solution to our cricketing problems: to transfer to England the Australian and South African models, both based on grass-roots *amateur* cricket.

We need to scrap the county system and professional cricket and create six regions covering the whole of England and Wales, with each region playing the other twice a season in ten four-day matches, to include weekends. Players would be selected from weekend first division league club cricket, including current first-class and minor counties players and the multitude of talented club players who have chosen to enter a career other than cricket, would be eligible for the regional sides and ultimately the national team. A competition for regional second XIs, run on similar lines, would provide the necessary back-up. In addition, a limited-overs championship, in which each of the regional sides would play the others once, and with semi-finals and a final for the four best teams, would attract spectators and revenue. As in Australia and South Africa, when first-class players were free, they would represent local clubs at weekends, so helping top club players to improve their game.

The so-called "seamless" progress that the blueprint supposes would take place from recreational to first-class cricket is a myth, since talented club players would still only be able to establish themselves as first-class cricketers if they became full-time professionals, so sacrificing their other careers. Under my proposals, the sole professionals, as in Australia, would be a small nucleus of players who had reached the top of the tree, a Test squad under contract to the ECB.

The system I advocate would have the benefit of producing less, as well as much more attractive, cricket of a far higher standard than now, with every inter-regional match involving an average one third of the best cricketers in the land. Its amateur basis would provide a clear ladder for all cricketers from club level through to the national side. Players and spectators would soon identify with theiir regions, just as people do now in seeing themselves as Northerners, Midlanders, Southerners, etc.

The state secondary school of which I am head offers outstanding provision for cricket, with over 120 matches each season, involving all age-groups from 11 to 18. It would be a joy to see the school's best cricketers have the opportunity of ascending a truly seamless ladder to first-class cricket, only possible if professional cricket, apart from a Test squad, is abandoned.

Yours faithfully
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From Mr John Hurst and Mr Christopher Hurst

Sir, So the county chairmen, scared of "failure", have rejected two divisions and once more held our game back. Yet the lesson of football is that success in a lower division means bigger gates.

If two divisions with three up and three down were adopted — two automatic promotion places with another place the subject of a play-off involving four more teams — then a minimum of six teams would be fighting it out to the end of the season.

It is even possible that the three bottom clubs in the second division could have a chance of the play-offs up to late in the season. As for the first division, most of the nine would either be vying for the title or fighting against relegation — or both. Competition will pull in the public and raise standards. When will the county chairmen seize their opportunities?

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr P. Mackle

Sir, As a Lancashire member of nowhere near pensionable age, I take great exception to Alan Lee's view (September 16) that county cricket is run for the over-sixties. The present obsession for change may cause irreparable damage to the sport. One has only to look at rugby league to see a game stripped of its soul.

The greatest change of all should be in attitude. If well-paid cricketers throw the towel in because they have nothing left to play for, perhaps they should be seeking employment elsewhere.

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World records should be beyond reproach

From Mr Andrew Dodd

Sir, As fresh evidence makes clear the scale of systemised drug taking by former communist bloc athletes, it is entirely appropriate that competitors such as Sharron Davies seek redress for being deprived of championship medals.

Of course, the problem of drug abuse in sport is not confined to a handful of eastern European swimmers. Many performances at the recent world athletics championship, for example, were far below world record marks established before drug testing became more rigorous.

There are a host of records in many sports, but especially in track and field, that have never been remotely threated during the 1990s. So how did they do that?

Perhaps it is time to start more public debate on the validity of these performances so that future athletes can have a fair and honest set of goals against which to aim and retired competitors can feel due recognition for the results they achieved by fair means. It would also give former athletes the chance to end the suspicion which lingers over their achievements.

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Horses need protection

From Mr Victor Green

Sir, By developing the oft-quoted tenet of the late Colonel Frank Weldon that cross-country courses in championship eventing should be terrifying for the riders yet safe for the horses, Simon Barnes (September 15) accepts an objective which is not only unattainable but also undesirable.

If fences frighten the most experienced and talented riders, they do so not so much because of consideration for their personal safety but primarily because of their concern for the wellbeing of their horses.

These are trained to be obedient and to trust their riders. They do not expect to be asked questions whose difficulty is not apparent until they are halfway through the problem.

The fear factor may help to swell the attendance but it has nothing to do with the art of course-building. Steeplechasing has learnt its lessons over the years. Eventing must do the same.

Enough horses either failed the veterinary inspection at Burghley or were not presented for it to invalidate Barnes's claim that the course-builder had struck the right balance between difficulty and attainability — without damage. A tally of what percentage of the horses who completed Burghley are sound now would be revealing.

Of course, danger is inherent in riding over fences. It is not, however, in dressage.

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London clubs make capital as race for Heineken Cup quarter-final places begins to hot up

Wood reinforces Harlequins steel

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By Gerald Davies

Wood, whose work in defence and attack proved important all afternoon, charges through an inviting gap. Photograph: Huw Evans

HAVING won two home games in the Heineken Cup, this *victory* away from the Stoop put Harlequins in a strong position in pool D. Success away *from home* is difficult to come by, but Harlequins have also accumulated a good enough *points difference* to suggest that another victory could secure them a place in the quarter-finals.

There is a long way to go, however. Neither Cardiff nor Harlequins will relish a visit to Munster. This was Cardiff's first failure at home in this competition, which was inaugurated three seasons ago. In losing yesterday *they* failed to cross the visiting team's line. Harlequins did so on three occasions and might have managed another couple had Liley and O'Leary co-ordinated their passes on the right flank. Cardiff had their try-scoring chances, too.

It was the number of errors that *ensured that the overall tempo did* not rise. Cardiff were also guilty of failing to take full advantage of the *chances that they had* worked so hard to create. The game remained exciting to the end, when it was finally settled by Lacroix's third penalty goal.

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There were those who expected that the sense of Anglo-Welsh *rivalry might have recaptured the* mood that was so prevalent when Bath visited the Arms Park last season, but, despite the perfect conditions, the match fell short of those expectations.

There was an edge to the contest, *but as if to suggest that there had* been no softening of approach since the ugly scenes in Brive last weekend, this was no more than the hard-staring variety.

"Rugby is an aggressive contact sport," Andy Keast, the Harlequins *director of rugby, said.* "The players cannot be half-hearted in their approach. After last Sunday all of them are aware of the thin line they are treading. It was a mammoth task for us to come down to Cardiff and earn this victory."

The only controversial note concerned the issue of who can and cannot be substituted, and when. Luke Gross, of Harlequins, was taken off at one stage but returned later as a substitute. Cardiff are *looking into the matter.*

The Harlequins defence and discipline, particularly in the second half when they seemed to be fading against Cardiff's forceful drives, accounted for their victory. The penalty count went against *them 13-6 after the interval but* when rugby's laws are subject to a variety of interpretation, discipline is even more of a precious quality.

For Cardiff, Lee Jarvis only missed once all afternoon, but there were a number of try-scoring *opportunities that went begging.* Timely interventions by Wood and Davison spoiled these efforts. Wood was *ubiquitous, his tackles* on Hill in the eighteenth minute and on Andrew Lewis in the 52nd *proving important in keeping* Cardiff in their place. Davison's tackle on Leigh Davies was helped by the Cardiff centre's *misjudgment in ignoring Ford outside him.*

If Harlequins' defensive organisation was tight, Cardiff's was open *at crucial moments. The three tries* the visiting team scored exposed their weakness.

Jarvis had kicked three penalty goals before the first of these tries came. It was the best of the afternoon and came straight from the kick-off after Lacroix's penalty. Davison took the ball. Wood supported him. Lacroix threw a long *pass to Carling and the former* England captain floated a beautifully timed pass inside him to give *O'Leary a 15-metre run down the* middle. His effort gave Jamie Williams a clear run for a thrilling score.

Then Wood, *having done sterling* work in defence, played his part as a try-scoring fly half. Lacroix made *the break and with a three-man* overlap the British Isles hooker took the matter into his own hands *to dummy to his right and cross* unopposed under the posts.

When two further penalty goals by Jarvis gave Cardiff the lead, Harlequins suddenly looked vulnerable.

Twice they created glaring *chances and failed to convert them.* O'Leary dropped Liley's pass, then Liley's ankle-high pass thwarted O'Leary.

Despite these frustrating lapses, Harlequins kept their heads. Belligoi ran through a timid de*fence for a try and Lacroix's penalty* punished Kacala's high tackle.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Penalty goals: Jarvis 7 (4min, 8, 15, 33, 36, 46, 55). Harlequins: Tries: Williams (26), Wood (30), Belligoi (72). Conversions: Lacroix 2. Penalty goals: Lacroix 3 (25, 39, 75)
SCORING SEQUENCE (Cardiff first): 3-0, 6-0, 9-0, 9-3, 9-10, 9-17, 12-17, 15-17, 15-20 (half-time), 18-20, 21-20, 21-25, 21-28

CARDIFF: R Ross; S Ford, L Davies, G Jones, S Hill; L Jarvis, S Wake (rep. J Hewlett, 78min); A Lewis, J Humphreys, D Young, A Rees, D Jones, G Kacala, G Jones (rep: S Williams, 65), E Lewis

HARLEQUINS: J Williams (rep: R Liley, 47); D O'Leary (rep: S Power, 73), W Carling (rep: N Walshe, 78), J Ngauamo, L Belligoi; T Lacroix, H Harries; M Cuttitta, K Wood, J Leonard, G Llewellyn, L Gross (rep: G Allison, 61), R Jenkins, L Cabannes (rep: Gross, 59), W Davison.

Referee: D Mene (France).

Dallaglio settles uneasy Wasps into their stride

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By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

WHETHER *their* return to Loftus Road yesterday said more about the ascent of the English champions than the descent of Ulster *rugby is a moot point.* But Wasps, runaway leaders of pool B, will be happy to place their score in the bank as collateral *against sterner* days to come in the Heineken Cup.

After victories at Swansea, their *chief pool rivals,* and Glasgow, their first appearance of the season in London *seemed* to perturb them *even more than Ulster. For half an* hour Wasps went through a familiarisation programme that *they only completed in a basket*ball-style flurry of points in the closing minutes.

By that stage Ulster were a lost cause, Rob Henderson having taken particular pleasure in tormenting his fellow Irishmen. Henderson, the burly Wasps centre, was one of the successes of the Ireland development tour of New Zealand *during the summer, but* Brian Ashton, the Ireland coach, who was among the 4,000 crowd, *can have found precious little* encouragement from Ulster's performance.

In times past a clutch of international forwards have worn the red hand; now Ireland's best players are involved in English club rugby *and Ulster's only* capped players yesterday were Field and Topping in the back division. For a while *they forced Wasps into an uncharacteristic* frenzy, one which, if repeated against the classier sides, will cost them dearly.

A stern address by Dallaglio, their captain, at the interval invited a more patient approach, typified *by the driving maul from a lineout,* led by Dallaglio himself, which demonstrated how effectively the *Ulster defence could be used up.* The primary beneficiary was Logan, the Scotland wing, who scored three of his team's eight tries in a 12-minute period, one of the easier hat-tricks that he will register.

It was no help to Ulster that they lost McDowell from their midfield with an ankle injury, but, had *Laing kicked both the penalty* goals on offer, they would have led in the first quarter. The industrious Morrow scarcely deserved the pass *around his ankles* that Greenstock hacked on and Roiser pounced to score through Field's tackle.

Henderson's powerful run led to Wood's try just before the interval, *but he was in no mood to disparage* Ulster: "Irish provinces are playing really well at the moment," *Henderson said.* "None of *them* is going to be easy, but we upped the points for, and curbed the points *against, and that was the pleasing* thing."

A disciplined third quarter put Wasps *in firm command, though* their decision-making remained *rooted in the manner of the first* half. Far too frequently for comfort they turned away from support, despite the textbook quality of *their third try.* Rees and Roiser attacking the blind side after a rolling maul and Mitchell arriving to score at the crucial moment.

That cleared the *stage for Logan:* Greenstock might have sent Roiser clear on the right, but chose to go *alone, his error kindly overlooked* by his forwards who recycled the ball for the try to be scored on the left. A 90-yard *move, splendidly* sustained, allowed Henderson to put the Scot over for his second, *and the centre himself burst clean* through the middle before sending Logan over unchallenged.

Ulster, amid a clutch of replacements, strove desperately for a consolation try, but Wasps would not allow them even that. Mitchell, like Irwin earlier in the half, received a yellow card for robust play in the loose, but Wasps *finished at a canter. King opened* up the field for Greenstock, who returned the favour for his fly half *deep into stoppage time.*

SCORERS: Wasps: Tries: Logan 3 (61, 65, 73min), Roiser (31), Wood (36), Mitchell (42), Greenstock (78), King (80). Conversions: Rees 5. Penalty goals: Rees 2 (23, 49). Ulster: Penalty goal: Laing (28)
SCORING SEQUENCE (Wasps first): 3-0, 3-3, 8-3, 15-3 (half-time), 22-3, 25-3, 32-3, 37-3, 44-3, 51-3, 56-3

WASPS: G Rees; S Roiser, N Greenstock, R Henderson, K Logan; A King, M Wood (rep: A Gomarsall, 66min); D Molloy (rep: D Black, 66), S Mitchell, W Green, D Cronin, A Reed, L Dallaglio, M White, C Sheasby (rep: J Worsley, 53)

ULSTER: R Morrow (Dungannon); J Topping (Ballymena), M Field (Malone, rep: S Bell, Dungannon, 74), S McDowell (Ballymena; rep: A Park, Ballymena, 11), J Cunningham (Ballymena); S Laing (Portadown, rep: B Cunningham, Bective Rangers, 69), A Matchett (Ballymena), G Leslie (Dungannon), S Ritchie (Ballymena; rep: C O'Kane, Dundee University, 24-40), R Irwin (Ballymena), A McWhater (Ballymena; rep: M Rea, Malone, 74), G Longwell (Ballymena), S McKinty (Bangor), A Ward (Ballynahinch), K Gallick (City of Derry; rep. R Wilson, Instonians, 63)

Referee: J Dumé (France)

Redman of old keeps Bath running

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By Mark Souster

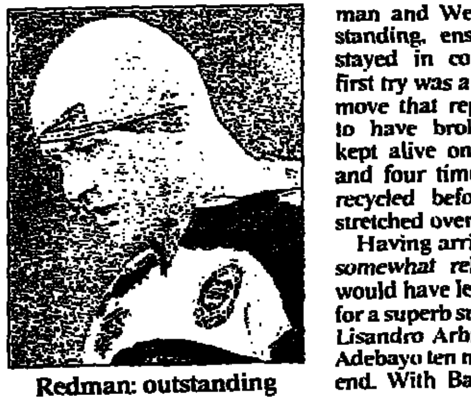
NIGEL REDMAN was as surprised as anyone to be on the England tour of Argentina and *could not believe it* when he was called up to join the British Isles in South Africa. Andy Robinson admit*ted that he* had advised his friend to retire last year, but on Saturday the Bath coach *singled out* Redman's all-round contribution as three times his team came from *behind to defeat Brive in the* Heineken Cup at the Recreation Ground.

After a difficult week *for the* European champions — one which should be resolved today — and for the game *itself, this match* did much to restore the tarnished reputations of both.

"I *did not believe* that he had that in him. It was an outstanding performance, the Redman *of three or four years* ago," Robinson said as he contemplated Bath's unblemished record in Europe *this* season, one that will be sorely tested in the return in France in a fortnight. Guscott and *Nicol should be fit but Ieuan* Evans, making his debut, aggravated a groin injury and will have a scan today.

The penalty count — 22-5 in Bath's favour — suggests an ill-disciplined contest; it was *not. There were technical* infringements aplenty and, with some justification, Brive felt harshly *treated.*

The French side carried the more potent threat behind the *scrum and their clinical finishing* in the first quarter suggested that they would enjoy an easy passage.



Redman: outstanding

Bomati and Carrat crossed for similar tries — Bomati wide on the left, *Carrat on the* right — created by pace and quick handling. Penaud was *a calming influence at fly half,* even if he overdid the kicking, but Brive's desire to run from defence proved costly in the *61st minute when Sébastien* Bonnet, the scrum half, was penalised for failing to release *the ball inside his own 22.* Callard's goal, his fifth, was the final, decisive score.

Bath's *ability to overcome* their early difficulties and reassert themselves, largely *through the driving play of their forwards,* where Redman and Webster were outstanding, ensured that *they* stayed in contention. Their first try was a case in point. A move that repeatedly looked to have broken down was kept alive on the Brive line and four times the ball was *recycled* before Matt Perry stretched over on the left.

Having arrived in England *somewhat reluctantly.* Brive would have left victorious but for a superb smother tackle on *Lisandro Arbizu by Adedayo* Adebayo ten minutes from the end. With Bath ahead 27-25, Penaud hoisted a high kick that Arbizu, an earlier try-*scorer, claimed. A three-man* overlap beckoned, but Adebayo snuffed out the danger. Arbizu also missed a *late* penalty attempt.

Bath, too, wasted chances, the most *blatant* when de Glanville, who had just had nine stitches to a head wound, broke clear inside the Brive *half. With a four-man overlap* to his left, the England captain threw a wild, forward pass. *However, Bath did con*jure the best individual try when Mike Catt burst from a *ruck and outran the visiting* defence from 40 metres early in the second half.

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Perry (31min), Catt (45). Conversion: Callard. Penalty goals: Callard 5 (2, 8, 23, 60, 64). Brive: Tries: Bomati (4), Carrat (18), Arbizu (53). Conversions: Arbizu 2. Penalty goals: Arbizu 2 (7, 61)
SCORING SEQUENCE (Bath first): 3-0, 3-7, 3-10, 6-10, 6-15, 9-17, 14-15 (half-time), 21-15, 21-22, 24-22, 24-25, 27-25.

BATH: J Callard; I Evans (rep: J Sleightholme, 77min), P de Glanville (rep: R Butland 40-51), M Perry, A Adebayo; M Catt, R Fellow; D Hilton, M Regan, V Ubogu, M Haag, N Redman, R Earnshaw, R Webster, S Ojomoh (rep. D Lyle, 77)

BRIVE: S Viars; P Bomati, L Arbizu, D Venditti, J Carrat; A Penaud, S Bonnet; O Gouaillard, L Travers, R Crespy (rep D Laporte, 53), Y Manhes, P Lubungu, L van der Linden (rep: O Magne, 78), R Sonnes, F Duboisset

Referee: J Fleming (Scotland)

Leicester learning to love France

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From David Hands
in Toulouse

SHOULD Leicester emerge at the head of pool A and so qualify automatically for the knockout stages of the Heineken Cup, they may *thank Austin Healey for the* privilege. One tackle by the scrum half, five metres from *his own line, brought* Romauld Paillat shuddering to a halt just when Toulouse, *hitherto unbeaten this season,* looked likely to win.

*Leicester appear to be devel*oping the enviable habit of winning in France. Last season it was in Pau, a bracing experience *that contributed* much to Leicester's approach to the game on Saturday at Les Sept Deniers, where Toulouse had not lost in Europe before.

More to the point, after the *unpleasantness in Brive* and Pau the previous weekend, the game was fiercely contested *but contained* little obvious foul play. The discipline of both clubs was a clear indication that violence does not have to be a feature of the game in France, *though Ken* McCartney also deserves credit for his strong refereeing.

Graham Willars, the former Leicester coach, would have been proud of his club. One of Willars's last games was in Paris 21 years ago, before he became coach and subsequently president. He died, aged 57, *on Friday night after* a prolonged illness, but his mantle as an effective back-*row forward lives on in the* present team. Eric Miller, at No 8, scored the second-half *try that steadied Leicester just* when they needed a lift.

Leicester had suffered the ignominy of a penalty try against their pack in the first half and, had McCartney awarded another against them midway through the second half, they could not *have grumbled. It is a* tart reminder to club and country that the Leicester front row is not the weapon that it was.

Yet the Frenchmen were lured by their dominance of the scrums into thinking that this was *the* best way of winning, when the wide game might have served them better; they never looked more dangerous than when Bon*douy was searching out open*ings or Delaigue purveying delightful, cut-out passes.

In contrast, Serevi, on *the* Leicester wing, at times looked an expensive luxury. His pass took out two defenders when he latched on to a dreadful kick by Ougier, leaving Horak and Back to send Miller to the line. *Yet earlier he had dis*played his limitations as a finisher and he could do *nothing to stop Garbajosa* leaving Marfaing an easier conversion that, with four *minutes left, meant that Tou*louse could win with a converted try. They would have *succeeded, too, had it not been* for Healey. Joiner saved them once but the desperate cover *seemed in vain as Paillat* swooped into space. However, he tried to steady his running line to score nearer the posts and came up against the brick wall of Healey's tackle.

Healey: vital tackle

Stransky, the South Africa fly half whose form was so muted in Dublin, was in upbeat mood, as a general and *goal-kicker. Only one penalty* attempt out of six failed and that hit a post. Allied to the *running of Potter, it was* enough to make the difference.

SCORERS: Toulouse: Tries: penalty try (40min), Garbajosa (76). Conversions: Ougier, Marfaing. Penalty goal: Ougier (37). Leicester: Try: Miller (42). Conversion: Stransky. Penalty goals: Stransky 5 (4, 32, 39, 51, 59)
SCORING SEQUENCE (Toulouse first): 0-3, 0-6, 3-6, 3-9, 10-9 (half-time), 10-16, 10-19, 10-22, 17-22

TOULOUSE: S Ougier; X Garbajosa, N Martin (rep R Paillat, 59min), P Bondouy, M Marfaing; Y Delaigue, J Cazalbou; C Califano, P Soula, F Tournaire (rep: J-L Jordana, 20-23, 40-44, 71-75), H Miorin, F Belot (rep C Labit, 59), D Lacroix, S Dispagne, F Pelous.

LEICESTER: M Horak; T Barlow, C Joiner, S Potter, W Serevi (rep L Lloyd, 77); J Stransky, A Healey; G Rowntree (rep P Freshwater, 62-66), R Cockerill, D Garforth, M Johnson, M Poole, M Corry (rep W Johnson, 77), N Back, E Miller (rep: W Johnson, 47-53)

Referee: K McCartney (Scotland)

Glasgow get the best of luck

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By Kevin Ferrie

GLASGOW opened a route to the Heineken Cup quarter-final play-offs with an incisive performance at *Scotstoun Stadium* yesterday to put them in second place in group B behind Wasps.

In a rousing *second-half effort* they benefited hugely from the break of the ball, two of their tries the direct result of fortuitous bounces, but having *struggled* to impose themselves in the first half they more than deserved the win for their more *adventurous* approach.

"I was delighted with the change of tactics after *half-time,*" Kevin Greene, *the Glasgow coach, said.* "I felt we had kicked out too much in the first when we were defending, but Fraser Stott's *choice* of the up-*and-under* immediately after the break was exactly the right option and although *he got a* lucky bounce, he gave himself *the opportunity to get it.*"

That proved the key moment in the match. The Swansea full back, Matthew Back, had looked hesitant throughout and when he failed to get to Stott's kick just inside his *own half,* the scrum half pounced and had support from his back row, the No 8, Dave McLeish, *providing the link to put* John Shaw over between the posts.

The home side went ahead early on when *James* Craig *got outside* his man just on halfway and was, as ever, untouchable, with a clear route to the line, *but Swansea* were worth all of their four-point half-time lead and more. However, after that match-turning try, *scored 18 seconds into* the second half, the momentum swung away from the Welshmen. Tommy Hayes put them *further* clear with two penalties.

Swansea did rally with a Chris Anthony try, but Glasgow were not to be denied. Matt McGrandles charged through to touch down to provide a two-score cushion.

There was nothing lucky, though, about Glasgow's final try — a break by Chris Simmers in midfield, well supported by Hayes, who *provided the international* wing, Derek Stark, with the yard of room that was all he required.

SCORERS: Glasgow: Tries: Craig (3min), Shaw (41), McGrandles (67), Stark (70). Conversions: Hayes (3, 41, 67). Penalty goals: Hayes (35, 43, 49). Swansea: Tries: H Thomas (28), Anthony (60). Conversion: A Thomas (60). Penalty goals: A Thomas (10, 22, 40)
SCORING SEQUENCE (Glasgow first): 7-0, 7-3, 7-6, 7-11, 10-11, 10-14 (half-time), 17-14, 20-14, 23-14, 23-21, 30-21, 35-21

GLASGOW: C Sangster (Stirling County); D Stark (Glasgow Hawks), C Simmers (Glasgow Hawks, rep: D Ablett, Glasgow Hawks, 73), M McGrandles (Glasgow Hawks), J Craig (West of Scotland); T Hayes (Glasgow), F Stott (West of Scotland), G McIlwham (Glasgow Hawks), G Bulloch (West of Scotland), A Kittle (Glasgow), S Begley (Glasgow Hawks, rep F Wallace, Glasgow Hawks, 70), G Perrett (West of Scotland), M Wallace (Glasgow Hawks), D McLeish (West of Scotland), J Shaw (West of Scotland).

SWANSEA: M Back; R Rees, H Thomas, S Gibbs, S Davies; A Thomas (rep. A Williams, 73), A Booth; C Loader (rep: I Buckett, 73), C Wells, C Anthony, T Maullin, D Niblo (rep: J Griffiths, 45), A Reynolds, F Moriarty (rep: D Thomas, 65-69), R Appleyard

Referee: E Morrison (England)

English clubs setting the Conference pace

NEWCASTLE and Saracens continued to set *the pace in* their European Conference pools with impressive wins yesterday. Newcastle beat Edinburgh 40-16 in pool G at Goldenacre while Saracens beat Neath 69-30 in pool H at *Vicarage Road.*

Tim Stimpson scored two tries and kicked five conversions for Newcastle. There *were further tries for Graham,* Legg, Tait and Tuigamala. McLean scored the only try for Edinburgh. *Hodge* converted *and kicked three penalties.*

Richard Wallace, the former Ireland wing, scored three of the ten Saracens tries as the *English team* pulled away from their Welsh opponents in the second half. They had led only 22-20 at the interval.

Constable (two), Sorrell (two), Chesney, Olsen and Sturnham also went over for Saracens. Michael Lynagh kicked eight conversions. Case (two) and Devergre scored the tries for Neath.

Jonah Lomu made a suc*cessful return to the game* when he came on twice as a substitute over the weekend. Lomu, whose *last* match before suffering from a kidney illness was for the New Zealand Barbarians against England at Twickenham last November, scored two tries for Counties B against King *Country B in front of just 200* people at Patumahoe, south Auckland, on Saturday.

Yesterday, he came off the bench early *in the second half* and inspired Counties-Manukau to a 16-14 win over Otago in the national provincial championship.

"I was sweating on the bench, just waiting to get on," Lomu said. "It was a good feeling to get the first touch of the ball. I didn't drop it."

☐ Olivier Sourgens, the Bègles-Bordeaux prop, has been *banned for 60 days for* illegal use of the boot in the Conference match against Connacht on Saturday.

Pontypridd enjoy the peace

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By Christopher Irvine

WHEN *Eddie Jones* thanked Scottish Borders for their help and courtesy, the Pontypridd team manager was not simply referring to the food. "It's quite different from France," he said, as, indeed, the hospitality *on Tweedside on Saturday* was from the hostility in Brive the previous week.

In the most harmonious *tradition, everyone had a good* time in the bar afterwards. Even the rugby was convivial. Bar Le Toulzac, CS gas, riot *police and rearranged French* noses were a world removed from homely Kelso and a couple of patrolling police*men. It was incumbent on* Pontypridd to show themselves in their best light as Welsh League champions, *which they did, despite mak*ing more turn-overs than Mrs Beeton in a helter-skelter contest.

Brive want Pontypridd thrown out of the Heineken Cup, but it is unlikely that *either club will be suspended* when the European Rugby Cup Ltd meet again in Dublin *today. However, sanctions* are inevitable and, in the inflamed atmosphere between the clubs, there seems no way that Brive can go to Sardis Road on Saturday.

Neil Jenkins said the play*ers had thrown themselves* into their rugby, which was evident in his 13-point contribution. The only discipline the *visiting team lacked was in* staying onside and none of the 34 penalties were for foul play.

Only once, with a splendid *try by Dods, did the Borders* keep their composure to display the uninhibited rugby of which they are capable. With *flankers as dynamic in open* play as Roxburgh, chances are always on, yet the lesson of a third successive defeat was the *basic one of control.*

Once Roy had mastered Fullarton's early dominance at the lineout, the Pontypridd pack gradually exerted their height and weight advantage and the frustrations of the first *half gave way to Morgan* hitting the line from full back at pace and Paul John exploit*ing a blind-side channel off a* scrum.

A first win compensated somewhat for Pontypridd's last-minute defeat at Brive. To reach the quarter-finals, they must win their remaining *three matches, including the* return against Brive.

SCORERS: Scottish Borders: Try: Dods (68min). Conversion: Welsh. Penalty goals: Welsh 3 (13, 23, 74). Pontypridd: Tries: Morgan (47), Paul John (60). Conversions: Jenkins 2. Penalty goals: Jenkins 3 (30, 55, 71)
SCORING SEQUENCE (Borders first): 3-0, 6-0, 6-3 (half-time), 6-10, 6-13, 6-20, 13-20, 13-23, 16-23

SCOTTISH BORDERS: G Aitchison (Kelso); S Nichol (Melrose), A Stanger (Hawick), K Utterson (Kelso; rep. C Chalmers, Melrose, 40min), M Dods (Gala), S Welsh (Hawick), B Redpath (Melrose); N McIlroy (Jed-Forest), J Hay (Hawick), P Wright (West of Scotland; rep. S Ferguson, Peebles, 69), R Brown (Melrose), I Fullarton (Dundee HSFP), R Kirkpatrick (Boroughmuir), A Roxburgh (Kelso), C Hogg (Melrose)

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South African-born Briton produces outstanding performance to dominate men's elite race

Lessing stamps class on London Triathlon

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ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IN THE city where it all started for him, albeit through watching on television at home in South Africa, Simon Lessing won the first mass participation London Triathlon yesterday. In dispute with the International Triathlon Union (ITU), Lessing chose to compete in Britain rather than at an ITU World Cup race in Bermuda. He looked every inch, muscle and sinew the world No 1.

The opposition may not have been as hot as Lessing would have faced in Bermuda, but there was heat from the sun overhead. It was a glorious day, one seemingly transported from Hawaii, the sport's birthplace. Second after the 1,500-metre swim, Lessing took the lead in the transition area, where the competitors switch from one discipline to the next. First out on his bike, he drew away, first on the 40-kilometre ride, then pulled still further ahead on the 10-kilometre run.

Lessing's performance was proof, for those who need it, that triathlon possesses competitors worthy of the Olympic stage. He is the long-range favourite to win gold in Sydney three years hence and his outstanding ability at each of the disciplines is evidenced by his finishing time of 1hr 48min 13sec. He was more than two minutes faster than the winning corporate relay team, one with a distinguished cast.

The relay, like the elite race, was held over the Olympic distance and was won by Tony Doyle Pursuits in 1:50.19. On the swim was Gavin Meadows, who won a gold medal for Britain in the 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay at the recent European championships in Seville. On the ride was Doyle, twice winner of the world pursuit title. On the run was Mike Gratton, a former winner of the London Marathon.

Lessing, born in Cape Town, was watching the London to Paris run-swim-ride on television in South Africa when his appetite for triathlon was whetted. "That was my introduction, I was about 13 or 14," Lessing, now 26, said. It was an introduction that would lead him to four world titles.

Although the world championships in Perth, Australia, are eight weeks away, Lessing has no more competitions planned. While the World Cup continues, he will train. He is in disagreement with the ITU over its competitor agreement, which the world governing body insists that athletes should sign before taking part in World Cup races, and over its qualification procedure for the Olympics.

The agreement imposes restrictions on personal sponsor advertising, to which Lessing objects, mainly because he has existing contracts that would not be honoured if he conformed to the agreement's requirements. Needing World Cup points for entry into the world championships, regardless of his status as world champion, he obtained permission from his sponsors to race in Stockholm in July. One victory was enough to ensure his qualification for Perth but he has boycotted all World Cup races before and since.

Lessing described the Olympic qualification system as "unfair". Olympic places can be gained only through the World Cup. "I refuse to be forced to do the whole World Cup series and, if that is the case, I will have to give the Olympics a miss," Lessing said two years ago that his greatest ambition was to win an Olympic gold medal.

His birthplace and his residential address, in Salon de Provence, southern France, invite the inevitable questions about his allegiance to Britain. Lessing's mother was born in Britain and he has competed for his adopted country since 1989, when South Africa was banned from international sport.

"I could say I am going to represent South Africa now, because the country is back in the sporting arena," Lessing said. "In 1989 there was not a choice but I do feel that, considering the British were kind enough to take me on at the beginning of my professional career, I am not going to change. Without a British passport I would have been in the mud."

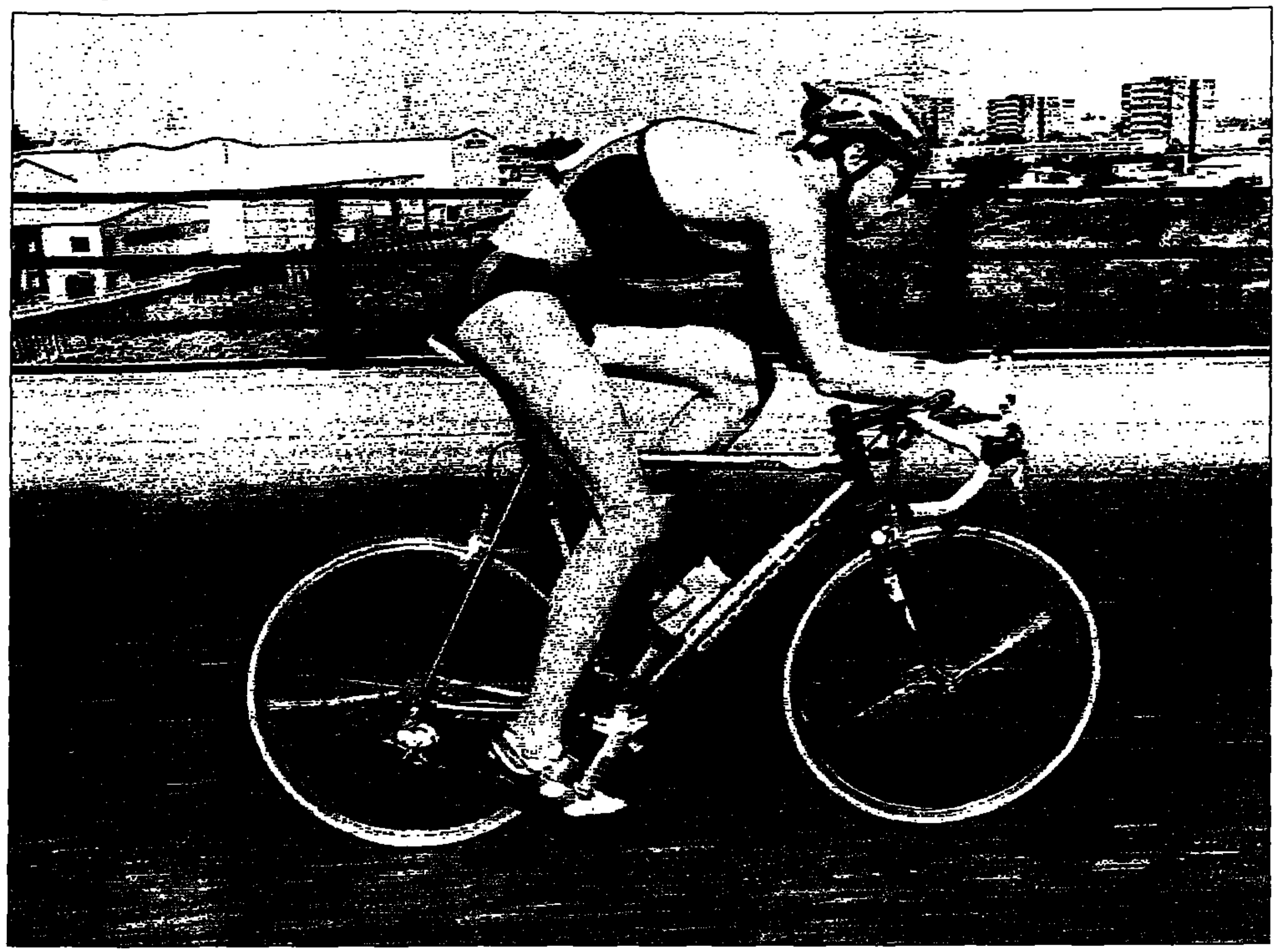
Lessing is unbeaten in eight races this year, including his victory in the France Iron Tour, the sport's Tour de France, a fortnight ago. The tour involves eight races in nine days at various locations and, although it left him tired, there were no obvious signs of him labouring in London.

Richard Stannard led the world champion out of the water at West India Dock but Lessing built up a lead of 1min 26sec on the three-lap ride and finished 2min 25sec ahead of Richard Allen, the Florida-based 1996 British champion.

Lessing said that he felt "relaxed" on the run, adding that his £3,000 bike with front suspension had been particularly advantageous on the "bumpy" circuit. He was full of praise for the event, which attracted 3,000 entries. "Of course, I'll come back next year," he said.

In the women's elite race, Loretta Sollars came through from fourth place at the end of the ride to win on the run. Sollars, a senior development officer for the English Sports Council, recorded 2hr 06min 26sec, followed by her fellow Briton, Jessica Harrison, in 2:08.45, and Metaja Simic, of the Czech Republic, in 2:10.11.

Sollars developed into an international-standard runner after taking up triathlon, representing England at cross country in 1995 and 1996. She has benefited from the cross-training and, once she hit the front in the sixth kilometre yesterday, there was no doubting who would win.


Lessing has already forged clear of the field as he tackles the punishing 40-kilometre cycling phase of the London Triathlon yesterday

Sollars, only fourth after the swimming and cycling, takes control of the women's elite race on the final stage, the run

Halls have a swim-ride-run party

KIM and Mike Hall's children thought a party to celebrate their parents' fortieth wedding anniversary would be a good idea. Kim and Mike Hall had a better one (David Powell writes).

The Halls spent their ruby anniversary yesterday competing in the London Triathlon, an endurance challenge of 1,500-metre swim, 40-kilometre ride and 10-kilometre run. All without a break.

Kim, 63, and Mike, 67, from Durham City, could not resist being part of the biggest triathlon to have been staged in Britain. "Our daughters had some idea we would have a family get-together but it put the mockers on it when we said we were going to do this," Mike said. Kim said: "We thought: 'Let's do something different'."

Instead of eat-drink-toast, they opted for swim-bike-run, lining up in the Olympic distance category, eschewing the easier sprint option.

Six weeks ago they took part in the Swanage triathlon on their way to France and Spain on holiday. In Spain, Mike finished fourth in his age category at the duathlon world championships. They returned to Britain on Thursday, stopping off at the London Triathlon on their way home. "Mike is a good runner and likes to do well," Kim said. "I struggle and like to finish."

Mike finished in 2hr 51min. Unfortunately for Kim, no time was recorded. Results in her section were declared void because of a marshalling error. Those affected were offered free places next year.

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RACING: O'BRIEN'S JUVENILE ANSWERS FEW QUESTIONS IN WINNING NATIONAL STAKES

Jury still out on King Of Kings

FROM CHRIS McGRATH
AT THE CURRAGH

HE DID not flinch as he went through a thicket of whips and rumps. He even ignored an inadvertent smack across the face from another jockey. But you will still find those suspicious that King Of Kings, while an authentic heavyweight, has a glass jaw.

The absence of Central Park from the Aga Khan Studs National Stakes here yesterday gave the colt's first group one success a slightly hollow feel. The fashion in which he asserted his superiority over physical inferiors raised as many questions as it answered. Bookmakers responded with a shrug, Coral retaining its sceptical stance, leaving him at 8-1 for the 2,000 Guineas, while William Hill keeps the faith at 6-1 equal favouritism (with Daggers Drawn).

In the preliminaries, he stands proudly apart, a lion of a horse. But his magnificence is menaced by a mistrustful, rather neurotic air, most evident in his sweaty prancing the moment he is mounted by Christy Roche. In the race itself, he fought resentfully for his head in the early stages. He has still to race anywhere but the Curragh, but, trying a mile on his fifth visit, was at least presented with a bend for the first time — and as they swung for home, Roche found himself in a pocket. The horse was still cantering, but Mountain Song, Natalis and Mowbray, labouring in front of him, blocked his path from two furlongs out until approaching the last.

Then Roche saw his half-chance, and King Of Kings took it. On the face of it, it was a brave undertaking; but the face of the horse was again tilted awkwardly, and the moment he was through, he stopped — all but allowing his stablemate, Celtic Cavalier, to collar him on the outside. Mick Kinane was certainly not at his most urgent on the runner-up, who was held by threequarters of a length.

"I was never worried about a gap, as I was always thinking 50 yards ahead, wondering what he would do in front," Roche said. "He did look round slightly when he got there, but I never had an anxious moment. This will always be the problem with him, next year as well. There is no problem with his ability, the power is unbelievable under you. But you will always have to time his run, to get there late."

Aidan O'Brien, the colt's trainer, added: "I would not be surprised if he is finished for the season, and he may also go straight for the Guineas next year."

O'Brien confirmed that he still rates King Of Kings better than Second Empire, himself prominent in the classic betting. Second Empire is being aimed at either the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket, or the Grand Criterium, back at Longchamp, where he won so flamboyantly last time.

Paris is next on the agenda for Oscar Schindler, who retrieved all his old dash to win another Irish St Leger here on Saturday, and will now attempt to improve on last year's fast-finishing third in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

It was a heartening revival, the horse having been ill earlier in the season — but there will be no comebacks for Classic Cliche, the game and popular stayer who finished tailed off on Saturday. Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said: "There is nothing wrong with him, but he told us on Saturday that he's not enjoying his racing like he once did. He has been a magnificent servant, winning five group races, but he will now be retired to stud."

BIG-RACE RESULTS

JEFFERSON SMURFIT MEMORIAL IRISH ST LEGER (Group I: £88,800: 1m 6f)

1, OSCAR SCHINDLER (S Craine, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Persian Punch (12-1); 3, Whitewater Affair (4-1). Classic Cliche 2-1 jt-fav. 7 ran. 2l, 2½l. K Prendergast (Ire). Tote £2.60; £1.60, £8.30. DF £47.50. CSF £26.01.

AGA KHAN STUDS NATIONAL STAKES (Group I: £112,600: 1m)

1, KING OF KINGS (C Roche, 4-9 fav); 2, Celtic Cavalier (20-1); 3, Mountain Song (7-1). 9 ran. NR: Saratoga Springs. ¾l, sh hd. A P O'Brien (Ire). Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £5.70, £1.80. DF £17.40. CSF £17.03.

King Of Kings captures the National Stakes at the Curragh yesterday. Photograph: Caroline Norris

Wildwood Flower blossoms

WILDWOOD FLOWER defied a 7lb penalty for a recent Goodwood victory to capture the £75,000 Ladbroke Ayr Gold Cup on Saturday.

The 14-1 chance, ridden by Dane O'Neill, made the most of her favourable stands' side draw, coming through to lead inside the final furlong. She denied Double Action by three-quarter of a length, the latter having looked set to emulate his dam Final Shot, a winner of the race seven years, when moving clear on the far side two furlongs out.

Wildwood Flower had finished fifth in the race 12 months ago when coming out best of the horses racing on the far side. Her jockey, Dane O'Neill, said: "She needed a little bit of luck and we were favoured by the draw this time. She's a consistent filly and she deserved this. She took time to find her feet in the race but began to come through nicely at the two-furlong marker before quickening well with a furlong to go."

Perryston View, an 11-1 chance, also plotted a course against the stands' rail as he made all in the Silver Cup. He was well clear at the halfway stage and, though his stride was shortening in the final furlong, he never looked likely to be caught.

At the line he was 1¼ lengths clear of Almasi with Hard To Figure third. Tiler, the subject of a huge gamble, from 12-1 down to 5-1, was well held in seventh.

69-1 DOUBLE

Richard Evans landed a 69-1 double on Saturday with his nap, Sharp Consul (9-1), and Ghataas (6-1). He also gave Perryston View (11-1) in his Ayr TV guide. Thunderer found the Ayr Gold Cup winner, Wildwood Flower (14-1), and napped Ivory's Joy (6-1) at Newbury.

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 YANABI (nap)
2.30 Jaazim
3.00 Veni Vidi Vici
3.30 Isle Of Man
4.00 Levelled
4.30 Teme Valley
5.00 Tallulah Belle

Timekeeper's top rating: 4.30 TEME VALLEY.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 FERNY HILL (nap). 4.30 Carisbrooke.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — SIS

2.00 EBF MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,323: 7f) (15 runners)

No	Draw	Form	Horse	Jockey	Rating
101	(15)		ACT OF FOLLY (Lady Herries) Lady Herries 8-11	A Clark	-
102	(12)		BINT KALDOUN (M Jaber) D Loder 8-11	R Cochrane	-
103	(8)	5	BLUE DAWN 54 (Serendipity Partnership) E Dunlop 8-11	G Hind	79
104	(6)	34	BLUEWAIN LADY 13 (BF) (Blue Notes) P Harris 8-11	K Fallon	88
105	(4)		CALEDONIAN EXPRESS (R McAulay) J Dunlop 8-11	T Sprake	-
106	(14)	44	ELSURUR 55 (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 8-11	J Reid	99
107	(7)	40	GLITTER PRINCESS 12 (M Abousa) D Chappell 8-11	G Carter	60
108	(5)	2	INCHTINA 40 (P Stevenson) H Candy 8-11	C Rutter	75
109	(2)		LAMSAAT (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) M Jarvis 8-11	Paul Eddery	-
110	(13)	00	MISMEWMEW 20 (R Lamb) C Benstead 8-11	J Quinn	61
111	(9)		RED LEGGINGS (Mrs C Smith) J Hills 8-11	M Henry (3)	-
112	(1)	0	ROBANNA 34 (P Valentine) R Akehurst 8-11	S Sanders	46
113	(3)	4	SAVOURY 18 (A Burrell) J Dunlop 8-11	T Quinn	80
114	(10)		STYLISH STORM (Newbyth Stud) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	-
115	(11)	36	YANABI 18 (BF) (H al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11	D Holland	101

BETTING: 5-2 Yanabi, 5-1 Inchtina, 6-1 Elsurur, 8-1 Savoury, 10-1 Bint Kaldoun, Blue Dawn, 12-1 others.

1996: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS Blue Dawn 4¾l 5th to Opera King in 7f Doncaster maiden (good). Bluewain Lady 4¼l 4th to Bristol Channel in 1m Leicester maiden (good to firm). Inchtina sh hd 2nd to Harmonic Way in 6f Salisbury maiden (good to firm). Savoury 5¾l 4th to Flawless in 7f Salisbury maiden (good to soft) with Yanabi (levels) 7¾l 6th. Previously, 2¾l 3rd to Expect To Shine in 6f Newmarket maiden (good to firm) with Elsurur (levels) a further ¾l away 4th.

INCHTINA can go one better. Elsurur best of the remainder.

2.30 EBF BEDFONT MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,388: 1m) (17 runners)

No	Draw	Form	Horse	Jockey	Rating
201	(15)		ALMAZHAR (H al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0	D O'Donohoe (3)	-
202	(2)		GENERAL MONCK (Lord Chelsea) D Morley 9-0	M Fenton	-
203	(3)		GOLDEN HAWK (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	-
204	(6)	0	JAAZIM 13 (H al-Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	K Fallon	67
205	(4)	0	LUCKY DOUBLE 82 (BF) (M Suhail) R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	-
206	(17)	0	MANDHAR 17 (A Al Khalifa) G Lewis 9-0	Paul Eddery	41
207	(9)		MANTUSIS (Romanics) P Harris 9-0	A Clark	-
208	(14)		METHMOON (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 9-0	D Holland	-
209	(13)	00	PLASTERED IN PARIS 20 (Painless Extraction Ptnrs) B Meehan 9-0	M Tebbutt	67
210	(12)	50	RADAR 68 (J Sims) M Jarvis 9-0	R Cochrane	59
211	(5)		RED BROOK LAD (Dr B Seal) S Dow 9-0	S Sanders	-
212	(16)		ROY (D T M Partnership) H Morrison 9-0	C Rutter	-
213	(8)	0	SALFORD 31 (S Manana) L Cumani 9-0	J Weaver	60
214	(11)		TALES OF BOUNTY (Mrs M Meredith) D Elsworth 9-0	S Drowne	-
215	(1)	624	TAVERNER SOCIETY 13 (BF) (Pink & Blue Ribbon Synd) R Armstrong 9-0	G Carter	97
216	(10)	300	UP THE WALL 49 (T Connors) John Berry 9-0	J Quinn	-
217	(7)	0	MYSTERIOUS ECOLOGY 66 (W Gredley) B Hills 8-9	M Hills	-

BETTING: 7-2 Methmoon, 9-2 Taverner Society, 5-1 Mysterious Ecology, 8-1 Golden Hawk, 12-1 Jaazim, Lucky Double, Salford, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS Lucky Double 15l 8th to Toblersong in 6f Epsom maiden (soft). Methmoon, a Darshaan colt, half-brother to 11f winner True Glory. Salford 15l 8th to Fantasy Island in 7f Newmarket maiden (good). Taverner Society 2¾l 4th of 18 to Mudeer in 7f Leicester maiden (good to firm) with Jaazim (levels) 11l 12th. Mysterious Ecology 9¼l 8th to Glorosia in 7f Newmarket maiden (good to firm).

TAVERNER SOCIETY looks best of those with racecourse experience

3.00 SPELTHORNE HANDICAP (£3,826: 1m) (18 runners)

No	Draw	Form	Horse	Jockey	Rating
301	(13)	523002-	LUCKY ARCHER 114J (Parishioners) J Bradley 4-10-0	P P Murphy (3)	-
302	(6)	6504/60	MYRTLE QUEST 156 (D,G) (Miss M Sheriffe) R Charlton 5-9-13	T Sprake	-
303	(11)	/21366-	THE STAGER 286J (F,G) (J Duncan) J Jenkins 5-9-9	N Day	-
304	(4)	5-55040	PRIME LIGHT 13 (B) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 4-9-7	G Milligan (5)	73
305	(3)	00-0140	POLISH RHYTHM 23 (D,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-9-5	J Reid	67
306	(18)	4524000	DUELLO 5 (F,S) (H C Promotions Ltd) M Blanshard 6-9-4	J Quinn	83
307	(9)	0220406	VENI VIDI VICI 5 (CD,G) (T Jones) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-2	S Drowne	74
308	(16)	000	MORAN 19 (Dr J Hobby) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-2	M Rimmer	-
309	(15)	4-02452	MATOAKA 17 (Stargazers) Y Soane 3-9-0	R Cochrane	78
310	(2)	3160-00	BRISKA 20 (F) (R Shailer) R Akehurst 3-8-13	T Quinn	60
311	(10)	0430	BIN CYCLONE 17 (B) (M Obaida) C Brittain 3-8-13	S Sanders	71
312	(1)	3001526	SIS GARDEN 18 (D,F,S) (A Spargo Ltd) J Cullinan 4-8-12	D O'Donohoe (3)	81
313	(5)	0-00443	AKALIM 11 (F) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 4-8-10	D Holland	82
314	(14)	6011300	CHASETOWN FLYER 10 (D,F,G) (D Smith) N Berry 3-8-9	K Fallon	72
315	(8)	06-2050	QUIBBLING 10 (B) (T Frost) H Candy 3-8-9	C Rutter	73
316	(17)	0003103	GOLDEN ACE 18 (D,G,S) (G Linder) R Spicer 4-8-9	Dean McKeown	79
317	(13)	-040214	ABSOLUTE UTOPIA 28 (D,G) (M Lawrance) N Berry 4-8-8	R Perham	80
318	(7)	60102/4	PRENONAMOSS 18 (D,F,G) (Mrs W Oram) D Arbuthnot 9-8-7	M Tebbutt	77

BETTING: 7-1 Prime Light, Akalim, 8-1 Veni Vidi Vici, 10-1 Polish Rhythm, Matoaka, Chasetown Flyer, Golden Ace, Prenonamoss, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS Lucky Archer 5l 2nd to Robamasel in 7f Leicester maiden (firm). Polish Rhythm 17l 7th to One So Wonderful in 1m listed Sandown stakes (soft). Veni Vidi Vici 4¾l 6th to Mythons Mistake in 7f Sandown handicap (good to firm) with Duello (levels) 9½l 11th. Matoaka neck 2nd to Octavia Hill in 7f Epsom maiden handicap (good) with Bin Cyclone (7lb better off) 28l last. Akalim neck 3rd to Myboiye in 7f Epsom handicap (good). Golden Ace 1¾l 3rd to Gold Desire in 1¼m York handicap (soft). Absolute Utopia 4¾l 4th to African-Pard in 1¼m Chepstow handicap (good to soft).

AKALIM is narrowly preferred to Veni Vidi Vici

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TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Johnston	79	80	56	2	-35.78
J Dunlop	77	57	43	1	-92.60
R Hannon	77	88	72	2	-385.91
M Stoute	72	62	56	2	-62.37

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	losing sequence	Level stakes
K Fallon	157	113	88	1	+138.00
L Dettori	144	94	81	1	-17.30
Pat Eddery	116	87	65	16	-151.47
K Darley	109	89	86	4	-37.58

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating

3.30 STAINES LIMITED STAKES (£3,469: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

No	Draw	Form	Horse	Jockey	Rating
401	(6)	361010-	FASIL 163J (D,F) (T Usher) J O'Shea 4-9-5	M Fenton	-
402	(2)	5412004	MOON BLAST 17 (F) (Angmering Park Stud) Lady Herries 3-9-1	R Cochrane	86
403	(4)	52221	AWESOME WELLS 13 (G) (Cliveden Stud) H Cecil 3-8-13	K Fallon	93
404	(1)	424-213	FERNY HILL 10 (D,F) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Prescott 3-8-13	S Sanders	96
405	(5)	661203	PATRIOT GAMES 23 (F) (A Ingleby-Mackenzie) M Stoute 3-8-13	J Reid	97
406	(3)	21-6030	ISLE OF MAN 18 (F) (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 3-8-11	T Quinn	90

BETTING: 5-2 Awesome Wells, 3-1 Ferny Hill, 7-2 Patriot Games, 11-2 Moon Blast, 8-1 Fasil, 10-1 Isle Of Man.

FORM FOCUS Moon Blast 6l 4th to Dance So Suite in 1½m Epsom handicap (good). Awesome Wells beat Teme Valley 3½l in 1m3½f Lingfield maiden (good). Ferny Hill 3¼l 3rd to Dantesque in 1½m Doncaster handicap (good). Patriot Games 3½l 3rd to Cugina in 1¼m Sandown handicap (soft). Isle Of Man 48l 9th to Honourable in 1½m York handicap (soft).

FERNY HILL will be hard to beat if reproducing his excellent Doncaster third

4.00 SHEPPERTON HANDICAP (£3,534: 6f) (15 runners)

No	Draw	Form	Horse	Jockey	Rating
501	(15)	2232231	MONTENDRE 14 (D,F,G,S) (D Mort) M Heaton-Ellis 10-9-11	J Reid	87
502	(1)	1-13125	DOMINANT AIR 6 (D,F,G) (N Greig) M Prescott 3-9-8	S Sanders	77
503	(7)	0200330	LA PETITE FUSEE 9 (D,F,G,S) (M Bevan) R O'Sullivan 6-9-8	R Havlin (3)	80
504	(10)	1340000	EASTERN PROPHETS 18 (CD,F,S) (Mrs J Purches) G Lewis 4-9-7	Paul Eddery	63
505	(13)	1000020	WHITE EMIR 10 (B,F,G,S) (Three Bears Racing) B Meehan 4-9-6	M Tebbutt	78
506	(14)	4-00450	LOVING AND GIVING 18 (F) (Mrs J Wright) H Candy 3-9-5	C Rutter	77
507	(12)	65-0021	SENORITA MATILDA 68 (D,F) (J Smith) R Hannon 3-9-3	Dane O'Neill	76
508	(6)	0254140	KENTUCKY FALL 13 (D,F) (Mrs E Green) Lady Herries 4-9-2	A Clark	87
509	(9)	1111260	DISTINCTIVE DREAM 9 (B,D,F,G) (K Ivory) K Ivory 3-9-2	R Cochrane	82
510	(2)	1504205	LEVELLED 6 (D,F,G) (Maygain Ltd) M Channon 3-9-1	T Quinn	86
511	(5)	1045240	BRAMBLE BEAR 18 (F,S) (Mrs M Hill) M Blanshard 3-8-12	J Quinn	84
512	(7)	0360355	SILENT MIRACLE 18 (D) (M Khan) M Bell 3-8-11	G Faulkner (5)	87
513	(11)	1443620	TINKER OSMASTON 14 (D,F,S) (J Luff) R Hodges 6-8-10	K Fallon	98
514	(8)	1055401	WALK THE BEAT 44 (D,F,G,S) (Ladyswood RC) M Meade 7-8-9	F Norton	84
515	(4)	6000206	BAYIN 4 (CD,F,G,S) (T Barker) M Usher 8-8-6	R Street	88

BETTING: 11-2 Montendre, 6-1 Senorita Matilda, 7-1 Dominant Air, Walk The Beat, 8-1 Silent Miracle, 10-1 Loving And Giving, Kentucky Fall, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS Montendre beat Bowlers Boy ½l in 5½f Bath handicap (good) with Bayin (3lb better off) ½l 2nd and Tinker Osmaston (6lb better off) 7¾l 15th. Dominant Air 2¾l 5th to Mujova in 7f Sandown stakes (good). La Petite Fusee 3¼l 12th to Wildwood Flower in 6f Goodwood handicap (good to soft) with Distinctive Dream (1lb better off) 4¼l 15th and Bayin (1lb worse off) 5½l 18th. Senorita Matilda beat Nicker 1¾l in 6f Brighton maiden handicap (firm). Levelled 4¼l 5th to Spender in 5f Yarmouth handicap (good to firm). Silent Miracle 7½l 5th to Lord High Admiral in 5f Salisbury handicap (good to soft) with Loving And Giving (2lb better off) 9l 8th. Eastern Prophets (1lb better off) 11l 10th and Bramble Bear (1lb better off) 14l 14th. Walk The Beat beat Serelse's Nephew neck in 6f Lingfield handicap (good) with Bayin (5lb better off) 3¼l 7th.

LEVELLED, badly drawn on his last two starts, can return to form

4.30 SEASONS END MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,485: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

No	Draw	Form	Horse	Jockey	Rating
601	(3)	2	CARISBROOKE 28 (M Poland) H Cecil 9-0	K Fallon	86
602	(7)	0	CATCHMENT 9 (G Harwood) Mrs A Perrett 9-0	Gaye Harwood	61
603	(4)	00	I SEE YOU SYDNEY 18 (K Lee) M Polglase 9-0	T G McLaughlin	-
604	(9)		JOLI FLYERS (C Suckerfield) M Haynes 9-0	Dane O'Neill	-
605	(6)	60	MY ROLAND 70 (Mrs D Hunniset) J Fitch-Heyes 9-0	S Sanders	-
606	(1)	0	PLEASURE BOAT 128 (R Hollingsworth) N Graham 9-0	D Holland	-
607	(10)	45	SABADILLA 19 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	G Hind	75
608	(2)	22	TEME VALLEY 13 (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-0	T Sprake	98
609	(5)	00	ETERNITY 130 (Dr C Willis) J Fanshawe 8-9	N Day	-
610	(8)	6	LARK'S RISE 67 (Major M Wyatt) H Candy 8-9	C Rutter	-

BETTING: 5-4 Carisbrooke, 7-4 Teme Valley, 7-2 Sabadilla, 14-1 Lark's Rise, 20-1 Catchment, 33-1 others.

FORM FOCUS Carisbrooke 1¾l 2nd to Tycooness in 1½m Ripon maiden (good). My Roland 23l 10th to Masharik in 1¼m Windsor maiden (good to firm). Sabadilla 18l 5th to Delilah in 1¼m York maiden (soft). Teme Valley 3½l 2nd to Awesome Wells in 1m3½f Lingfield maiden (good).

CARISBROOKE should improve sufficiently to open his account

5.00 LEVY BOARD FILLIES HANDICAP (£2,986: 1m 3f 30yd) (20 runners)

No	Draw	Form	Horse	Jockey	Rating
1	(9)	00300	CAPSOFF 23 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-9-12	D O'Donohoe (3)	60
2	(7)	3-30	MADE BOLD 72 (BF) (Kingstone Warren Partners) H Candy 3-9-7	C Rutter	61
3	(3)	0-02660	DRAMATIC MOMENT 12 (F) (Mrs R Plummer) J Arnold 4-9-6	R Perham	68
4	(11)	00-1240	MISSFORTUNA 11 (F) (Dr St John Collier) M Prescott 3-9-3	S Sanders	61
5	(16)	0-00	BEGUINE 13 (Lord H De Walden) W Jarvis 3-9-1	J Reid	51
6	(8)	0004053	TALLULAH BELLE 12 (F) (Trojan Racing) N Littmoden 4-9-0	J Weaver	71
7	(6)	1213156	GLOW FORUM 23 (D,F,S) (Miss J Ansley) L Montague Hall 6-9-0	A Polli (5)	68
8	(10)	00-56	FANTASY GIRL 125 (Windflower Holdings Inc) J Dunlop 3-8-13	T Quinn	58
9	(2)	5430	DANCING FEATHER 14 (Mrs H Theodorou) B Hills 3-8-13	M Hills	60
10	(15)	245-00	CELEBRANT 13 (Mrs A Normand) A Hide 3-8-12	R Cochrane	61
11	(1)	5004540	SUN ALERT 4 (V,F) (K Lee) M Polglase 3-8-11	T G McLaughlin	86
12	(14)	5020000	ABSOLUTELYSTUNNING 6 (V,F) (J McDonnell) Mrs B Waring 4-8-11	E Byrne	52
13	(20)	666603	KRISTAL BRIDGE 14 (B) (Kristal Connection) P Harris 3-8-11	D Holland	58
14	(18)	-002523	CHEEK TO CHEEK 56 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-10	M Fenton	59
15	(4)	040	LIGHTEN UP 19 (S Manana) C Brittain 3-8-9	M Rimmer	59
16	(17)	64500	ARLETTY 23 (Lord H De Walden) H Cecil 3-8-8	K Fallon	60
17	(13)	2045142	LAGUNA BAY 6 (F) (Town & Country Tyres Ltd) A Jarvis 3-8-7	Dane O'Neill	64
18	(12)	6050	HIDDEN AGENDA 20 (Cliveden Stud) R Charlton 3-8-6	T Sprake	61
19	(19)	4532144	KEEPSAKE 5 (F) (T Baker) M Usher 3-8-3	R Street	71
20	(5)	004	SPIRIT LADY 24 (E Mangan) J King 3-8-1	S Drowne	59

BETTING: 11-2 Cheek To Cheek, 7-1 Missfortuna, 8-1 Tallulah Belle, 10-1 Made Bold, Dramatic Moment, Glow Forum, Laguna Bay, Keepsake, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS Tallulah Belle 4¾l 3rd to Alhoozam in 1½m handicap here (good) with Dramatic Moment (3lb better off) 25l 13th. Glow Forum 7¾l 6th to Shooting Light in 1¾m Sandown handicap (soft) with Capsoff (3lb better off) beaten a distance 12th. Fantasy Girl 14l 6th to Step N Go in 1¼m Beverley fillies handicap (good to soft). Dancing Feather 26l 11th to Jaseur in 1m5f Bath maiden handicap (good). Celebrant 11l 14th to Eden Heights in 1¼m Leicester apprentice handicap (good to firm) with Absolutelystunning (1lb worse off) 16l 17th. Kristal Bridge 11l 3rd to Marytavy in 1m3f Southwell maiden handicap (AW). Cheek To Cheek 2½l 3rd to Sovereign Crest in 1½m Brighton handicap (good to firm). Laguna Bay ¾l 2nd to Bewitching Lady in 1m3½f Yarmouth claimer (good to firm). Keepsake 1¾l 4th to Veronica Franco in 1¾m Sandown handicap (good to firm).

TALLULAH BELLE, third in a hot race here last time, should find this easier

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Bradley	3	10	30.0	J Reid	27	172	15.7
M Prescott	3	14	21.4	M Hills	15	107	14.0
M Stoute	20	99	20.2	T Quinn	31	235	13.2
R Armstrong	7	36	19.4	R Cochrane	19	150	12.7
M Haynes	4	21	19.0	D Holland	4	40	10.0

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Kempton Park

Going: good

2.10 (5f) 1, Refined (R Ffrench, 5-1); 2, Mrs Malaprop (8-1); 3, Dancing Wolf (5-1). 13 ran. 1¾l, hd. L Cumani. Tote: £4.60; £1.30, £2.90, £1.50. DF: £50.30. Trio: £87.10. CSF: £36.02.

2.45 (1m 2f) 1, Barnum Sands (T Sprake, 9-4); 2, Haltarra (Evens fav); 3, Wicuma (7-1). 5 ran. Nk, 1¾l. J Dunlop. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £4.15.

3.15 (1m 6f 92yd) 1, Renzo (A Clark, 12-1); 2, Sea Victor (4-1 fav); 3, Ela-Yie-Mou (7-1). 10 ran. 1¾l, 5l. Mrs A Perrett. Tote: £12.80; £2.50, £1.80, £2.20. DF: £14.00. Trio: £74.80. CSF: £53.10. Tricast: £333.84.

3.45 (1m) 1, Yalta (T Sprake, 12-1); 2, Silk St John (8-1); 3, Secret Spring (25-1). Concer Un 3-1 fav. 8 ran. NR: Bliot, Labeq. Nk, 3½l. R Charlton. Tote: £17.50; £3.10, £1.80, £4.00. DF: £65.30. Trio: £160.00. CSF: £91.40. Tricast: £2,139.08.

4.20 (6f) 1, Surveyor (T Sprake, 5-4 fav); 2, Kennet (10-1); 3, Oh So Easy (6-1). 8 ran. 1¾l, 2½l. J Dunlop. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £2.30, £1.70. DF: £11.40. CSF: £13.78. Tricast: £51.89.

4.50 (7f) 1, Musharak (R Hills, 3-1 fav); 2, Silver Kristal (100-30); 3, Mozambique (20-1). 13 ran. 6l, nk. J Dunlop. Tote: £3.50; £1.60, £1.50, £4.90. DF: £8.30. Trio: £87.70. CSF: £11.86.

Jackpot: £7,100.00 (part won. Pool of £2,675.39 carried forward to Kempton Park today).

Placepot: £454.20. Quadpot: £205.00.

Haydock Park

Going: good

2.20 (5f) 1, Risque Lady (K Fallon, 11-4); 2, Pure Coincidence (15-8 fav); 3, Star (4-1). 5 ran. Nk, 2l. P Harris. Tote: £2.80; £1.20, £1.40. DF: £2.30. CSF: £7.51.

2.55 (1m 2f 120yd) 1, Mantaya (K Darley, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Triple Leap (6-1); 3, Generous Gift (4-1). Sky Commander 7-2 jt-fav. 7 ran. 1¾l, hd. L Cumani. Tote: £4.00; £2.60, £2.70. DF: £14.80. CSF: £20.65.

3.25 (6f) 1, Prends Ca (P Roberts, 15-2); 2, Stand Tall (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Saint Express (10-1). Grand Chapeau 5-1 jt-fav. 13 ran. NR: Always Alight, Knotty Hill. 2½l, ¾l. W Muir. Tote: £8.70; £2.40, £2.20, £3.60. DF: £19.10. Trio: £179.00. CSF: £41.22. Tricast: £351.77.

3.55 (1m 30yd) 1, Shawm (K Fallon, 3-1 fav); 2, Desert Beauty (11-2); 3, Green Power (10-1). 13 ran. ¾l, 6l. D Loder. Tote: £3.60; £1.60, £2.70, £3.40. DF: £6.10. Trio: £55.60. CSF: £17.54. Tricast: £146.32.

4.30 (7f 30yd) 1, Fleetwood (K Fallon, 4-6 fav); 2, Mawsool (11-1); 3, Shart (3-1). 9 ran. NR: Manila Moon. 8l, ½l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.20, £1.10. DF: £6.30. Trio: £6.10. CSF: £9.06.

5.00 (1m 3f 200yd) 1, Largesse (J F Egan, 11-1); 2, Invermark (13-2); 3, Tikopia (15-2). Shadoof 2-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Tarden. 3½l, 2l. John Berry. Tote: £17.30; £4.40, £2.30, £2.30. DF: £86.40. Trio: £30.40. CSF: £78.23. Tricast: £534.63. Quadpot: £14.20. Tote. Placepot: £51.90.

Market Rasen

Going: good (good to firm patches)

2.00 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Cuillin Caper (R Thornton, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Down The Yard (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Port Valenska (25-1). 6 ran. 3½l, 5l. T Watson. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £1.60. DF: £4.90. CSF: £11.20.

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, Brambleberry (Richard Guest, 11-4); 2, Moobakkr (11-2). Blair Castle 1-2 fav (f). 4 ran. 29l. Mrs S Smith. Tote: £2.90. DF: £6.20. CSF: £13.98.

3.05 (3m 1f ch) 1, Garrylough (A Maguire, 11-2); 2, Iteee (10-1); 3, Andrelot (4-1). Stormtracker 11-4 fav. 8 ran. 1¾l, hd. D Gandolfo. Tote: £5.90; £2.70, £2.10. DF: £30.40. CSF: £53.59. Tricast: £226.49.

3.35 (3m hdle) 1, Arctic Triumph (G Bradley, Evens fav); 2, St Mellion Leisure (14-1); 3, Saucy Nun (13-2). 9 ran. 10l, 2l. M Bradstock. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £3.40, £2.20. DF: £18.60. Trio: £41.80. CSF: £19.24.

4.05 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Barnapour (A P McCoy, 7-2); 2, Bodantree (13-2); 3, Winsford Hill (7-4 fav). 6 ran. 2½l, 1¾l. M Pipe. Tote: £4.40; £1.70, £3.20. DF: £14.60. CSF: £23.92.

4.40 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Blaster Watson (M Ranger, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Silverdale Lad (7-2); 3, Lord Rullah (11-4 jt-fav). 9 ran. 2½l, 7l. C Smith. Tote: £4.00; £1.40, £1.90, £1.40. DF: £5.00. Trio: £2.70. CSF: £12.06.

Placepot: £48.40. Quadpot: £9.50.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FERNY HILL
(3.30 Kempton Park)
Next best: Dekelsmary
(3.50 Leicester)

LEICESTER

THUNDERER

2.20 Smarter Charter. 2.50 Rabi. 3.20 Bright Fountain. 4.20 Petite Danseuse. 4.50 Barranak.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.20 HIGHFIELDS LIMITED STAKES (£3,225: 1m 8yd) (20 runners)

No	Draw	Form	Horse	Jockey	Rating
1	(14)	2312	SAMARA SONG 11 (C,F) [illegible] 4-9-3	P Roberts (5)	77
2	(9)	-000	BANNERET 30 (B) [illegible] 4-9-0	J O'Reilly	-
3	(19)	6065	CHINOUR 49 (D,F,G) E Alston 5-9-0	J F Egan	65
4	(11)	3010	FOREST FANTASY 38 (D,F) J Wharton 4-9-0	K Darley	74
5	(16)	-401	FRENCH GINGER 7 (F) [illegible] 6-9-0	T Williams	63
6	(7)	5602	MAGAZINE GAP 13 [illegible] 4-9-0	Amanda Sanders	34
7	(13)	0500	SALTANDO 5 (D,F) [illegible] 6-9-0	P Bloomfield	44
8	(4)	0065	SEA DANZIG 11 (F) J Bridger 4-9-0	N Adams	63
9	(8)	0004	SMARTER CHARTER 19 (D,F) [illegible] 4-9-0	S Whitworth	82
10	(15)	006-	YOUNG BENSON 298 (F) T Wall 5-9-0	L Newton	-
11	(1)	0-05	ZAHAALIE 37 [illegible] 5-9-0	J Fowle (7)	-
12	(12)	5436	ZURS 10 (D) [illegible] 4-9-0	R Mullen (5)	69
13	(10)	-010	COURT HOUSE 47 (D,G) M Chapman 3-8-13	S Carson (7)	53
14	(5)	-330	FEARLESS CAVALIER 12 (F) R Hollinshead 3-8-13	F Lynch	56
15	(30)	-050	RAMBO TANGO 69 [illegible] 3-8-12	J Lowe	45
16	(16)	2300	CALAMANDER 26 [illegible] 3-8-7	C Lowther (5)	71
17	(3)	0354	LAS VISTAS 25 [illegible] 3-8-7	N Carlisle	63
18	(2)	0000	MAYFLOWER 20 (G) [illegible] 3-8-7	D Biggs	65
19	(17)	660	ROSA ROYALE 25 [illegible] 3-8-7	Martin Dwyer	62
20	(6)	0046	SOUND APPEAL 62 (D) [illegible] 3-8-7	A Whelan (3)	70

11-2 Samara Song, 7-1 Calamander, 8-1 Chinour, 9-1 French Ginger, 10-1 Zurs, 12-1 Las Vistas, 14-1 others.

2.50 KEGWORTH CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0: £5,511: 7f 9yd) (3)

No	Draw	Form	Horse	Jockey	Rating
1	(2)	1	RABI 45 (D,F) E Dunlop [illegible]	R Hills	96
2	(3)	1	VOCATION 13 (D,G) [illegible]	W Ryan	94
3	(1)	2214	DEMOLITION JO 24 (V,D,F) [illegible]	J F Egan	95

4-9 Rabi, 3-1 Vocation, 7-1 Demolition Jo.

3.20 GOLDEN HAND SELLING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,490: 1m 1f 218yd) (16)

No	Draw	Form	Horse	Jockey	Rating
1	(1)	0036	HEART FULL OF SOUL 6 (B,F) [illegible]	K Darley	75
2	(3)	2305	GUNNERS GLORY 8 (V,F) Mrs L Stubbs [illegible]	S Whitworth	78
3	(10)	0050	GOLD LAZARUS 17 [illegible] 8-11	W Ryan	56
4	(11)	2630	DINWELL 24 (V) [illegible] 8-11	Dale Gibson	51
5	(4)	000	KALMOOJID 51 [illegible] 8-11	F Lynch	-
6	(3)	000	NOTATION 23 D Chapman 8-11	A Culhane	50
7	(15)	0100	RARE TALENT 17 (D,F) D Chapman 8-11	A Mackay	64
8	(6)	0000	RISKY FLIGHT 37 (B) [illegible] 8-11	J Lowe	30
9	(15)	0435	RON S ROUND 14 [illegible] 8-11	J F Egan	56
10	(12)	6500	SWISS COAST 112 [illegible] 8-11	C Lowther (5)	40
11	(7)	-620	WEET A BIT 45 R Hollinshead 8-11	D Griffiths (3)	60
12	(14)	664	BRIGHT FOUNTAIN 11 [illegible] 8-6	A McGlone	74
13	(8)	000-	CHILLI BOOM 97 (B) [illegible] 8-6	M Gallagher	-
14	(13)	-000	FORWARD MISS 11 [illegible] 8-6	T Williams	-
15	(2)	0F50	LOVE OVER GOLD 49 M Chapman 8-6	S Carson (7)	-
16	(5)	00	MADGE'S PET 28 [illegible] 8-6	—	-

9-4 Rare Talent, 11-2 Bright Fountain, 13-2 Heart Full Of Soul, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Makin, 8 winners from 32 runners, 25.0%. Mrs J Cecil, 4 from 17, 23.5%. R Hannon, 31 from 194, 16.0%. N Tinkler, 3 from 22, 13.6%. S Williams 3 from 22, 13.6%. W Muir, 5 from 38, 13.2%.

JOCKEYS: F Lynch, 6 from 49, 12.2%. R Hills, 9 from 83, 10.8%. No other qualifiers

3.50 LEICESTER SOUND FILLIES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,561: 5f 218yd) (15)

No	Draw	Form	Horse	Jockey	Rating
1	(4)	0454	QUIZ SHOW 7 R Hannon 9-7	C Lowther (5)	76
2	(16)	2030	LADY FROM LIMERICK 12 J Berry 9-1	K Darley	78
3	(13)	1360	DAYNABEE 7 (C,D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 9-0	Kim Tinkler	72
4	(14)	530	ARBENIG 12 B Palling 8-12	D Sweeney (3)	81
5	(7)	3060	DELCIANA 20 P Harris 8-12	A Culhane	81
6	(12)	0356	ITALIAN ROSE 9 W Musson 9-10	J F Egan	85
7	(9)	0453	DEKELSMARY 7 J Balding 8-10	J Edmunds	72
8	(3)	3050	MARIANA 14 R Whitaker 8-9	N Carlisle	45
9	(6)	2000	RUSSIAN ABOUT 14 M Channon 8-2	A Mackay	75
10	(5)	0350	BLARNEY PARK 7 C Dwyer 8-2	T Williams	74
11	(9)	0350	SWANMORE LADY 14 S C Williams 8-0	R Ffrench (3)	72
12	(15)	3055	TREMONNOW 38 J Bradley 7-13	L Charnock	64
13	(1)	5346	NITE 13 M Bell 7-12	R Mullen (5)	81
14	(2)	0426	SILENT PRIDE 24 M Usher 7-12	J Fowle (7)	92
15	(11)	6240	JAYBEE SILVER 30 M Tompkins 7-10	Dale Gibson	54

6-1 Quiz Show, 5-1 Dekelsmary, Mariana, Blarney Park, 10-1 Lady From Limerick, Italian Rose, Russian About, Silent Pride, Jaybee Silver, 12-1 others.

4.20 CHARNWOOD CLAIMING STAKES (£3,015: 5f 218yd) (22)

No	Draw	Form	Horse	Jockey	Rating
1	(9)	3224	DAVIS ROCK 33 (BF,D) W Muir 3-9-6	P Roberts (5)	65
2	(7)	1425	KINGS HARMONY 20 (D,F) P Makin 4-9-5	W Ryan	80
3	(2)	0145	MIKE'S DOUBLE 31 (B,D) Miss G Kelleway 3-9-3	R Ffrench (3)	78
4	(13)	0451	THE FRISKY FARMER 37 (CD,F) W G M Turner 4-9-1	C Lowther (5)	61
5	(8)	5200	BAYFORD THRUST 21 (G) J Berry 3-8-13	K Darley	63
6	(22)	0060	CLASS DISTINCTION 32 (F) R Hannon 3-8-13	D Biggs	53
7	(1)	2000	IVORY DAWN 9 (D,G) K Ivory 3-8-12	Martin Dwyer	85
8	(15)	2010	MYSTICAL 11 (V,D,G,S) Mrs L Stubbs 3-8-12	J F Egan	84
9	(14)	0340	DIVIDE AND RULE 28 (F) R Hollinshead 3-8-9	D Griffiths	46
10	(16)	4040	NERVOUS REX 17 (D,F) W Muir 3-8-9	J Wilkinson (7)	66
11	(20)	0-00	NITEOWL RAIDER 191 (D) J O'Reilly 4-8-7	J O'Reilly	47
12	(12)	0540	XENOPHON OF CUNAXA 66 (D,F,S) M F-Godley 4-8-7	A Culhane	69
13	(10)	0056	MUNICIPAL GIRL 26 (D,G) B Palling 3-8-4	D Sweeney	61
14	(17)	1224	PETITE DANSEUSE 6 (C,F,G) C Dwyer 3-8-4	F Lynch	[illegible]
15	(22)	0540	NEVER THINK TWICE 5 (V,D,F) K Ivory 4-8-3	N Adams	81
16	(3)	0000	FIT FOR THE JOB 14 (B,D) T Wall 3-8-1	L Newton	48
17	(19)	0650	TORONTO 17 (B,F) J Berry 3-8-1	P Bradley (7)	69
18	(4)	0050	MAKE READY 17 J Neville 3-8-0	J Lowe	78
19	(21)	5000	POLGWYNNE 7 B Smart 3-8-0	A Daly (5)	68
20	(5)	0003	WHIZZ KID 35 (F) J Bridger 3-8-0	G Bardwell	73
21	(11)	0800	INTO DEBT 37 (B) J Poulton 4-7-12	R Mullen (5)	50
22	(6)	4510	RIVER ENSIGN 44 (D,G) W Brisbourne 4-7-12	J McCarthy (7)	58

6-1 Xenophon Of Cunaxa, 7-1 Kings Harmony, 8-1 Mystical, Petite Danseuse, 10-1 Davis Rock, Bayford Thrust, 12-1 The Frisky Farmer, Ivory Dawn, 14-1 others.

4.50 LIGHTNING HANDICAP (£3,691: 5f 2yd) (15)

No	Draw	Form	Horse	Jockey	Rating
1	(13)	2320	ANSELLMAN 40 (B,D,F) J Berry 7-10-0	C Lowther (5)	76
2	(6)	4160	RIVER TERN 21 (D,F,G) J Bradley 4-9-4	A Culhane	76
3	(5)	2004	BEAU VENTURE 33 (D,F,S) B Palling 9-9-1	D Sweeney (3)	81
4	(8)	3020	PLEASURE TIME 10 (D,F,G) C Smith 4-8-13	J Tate	82
5	(3)	16	ALAMODE 98 (D,F) J Smyth-Osbourne 3-8-12	K Darley	59+
6	(10)	0540	BARRANAK 10 (D,F,G) G McCourt 5-8-10	J F Egan	88
7	(2)	0060	MINDRACE 4 (V,D,F) K Ivory 4-8-10	Martin Dwyer	82
8	(12)	0505	ANOTHER BATCHWORTH 59 (B,D,F) E Wheeler 5-8-8	A Daly (5)	75
9	(7)	4630	ICE AGE 5 (B,D,F) P Williams 3-8-6	W Ryan	80
10	(1)	5600	RICH GLOW 4 (B,D,F,G,S) N Bycroft 6-7-13	L Charnock	81
11	(15)	6030	BOWCLIFFE GRANGE 25 (D,F) D Chapman 5-7-11	T Williams	80
12	(4)	0000	GWESPYR 26 (D,F,S) Enrico Incisa 4-7-11	Kim Tinkler	72
13	(11)	2000	YOUNG BEN 14 (B,D,F) J Wainwright 5-7-10	R Ffrench (3)	57
14	(9)	3550	HERE COMES A STAR 69 (CD,F,G) J Carr 9-7-10	D Wright	56
15	(14)	0450	SOTONIAN 23 (D) P Felgate 4-7-10	J Fowle (7)	69

13-2 Rich Glow, 7-1 Ansellman, 8-1 Beau Venture, Pleasure Time, 10-1 Alamode, Barranak, Mindrace, Another Batchworth, Bowcliffe Grange, 12-1 others.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

2.10 Infamous. 2.40 Plas-Hendy. 3.10 Name Of Our Father. 3.40 Flagstaff. 4.10 Saxon Mead. 4.40 Paulton.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) — SIS

2.10 WORMBRIDGE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,402: 2m 1f) (13 runners)

No	Form	Horse	Jockey
1	F2-1	INFAMOUS 10 (G) R O'Sullivan 4-11-1	A P McCoy
2	FP-U	AQUEOUS ROCKS 9 B Preece 6-10-10	J Mogford (7)
3	U-5	DELOS 10 Mrs M Jones 7-10-10	D Byrne
4		DUNRAVEN LAD D Brace 5-10-10	R Farrant
5		MASTER M-E-N 18F N Babbage 5-10-10	W Marston
6	0-4	SOLDIER COVE 10 M Meade 7-10-10	M Richards
7		LAAZIM AFOOZ 105F R Phillips 4-10-5	B Powell
8	60-	PRINCELY AFFAIR 21F J Bradley 4-10-5	R Johnson
9	AUF-	MICHELLES CRYSTAL 170 F Jordan 6-10-5	A Thornton
10	6P-	EMBER 40F P Hayward 4-10-3	B Fenton
11	245	INDIAN NECTAR 11 R Brotherton 4-10-3	L Harvey
12		SHERNA 411F P Hobbs 4-10-3	G Tormey
13		TWO TO TANGO 307F N Twiston-Davies 4-10-3	C Llewellyn

5-4 Infamous, 9-2 Two To Tango, 7-1 Soldier Cove, 8-1 Sherna, 10-1 Master M-E-N, Laazim Afooz, 16-1 Indian Nectar, 20-1 others.

2.40 MALVERN LINK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,801: 2m 3f) (10)

No	Form	Horse	Jockey
1	0-12	PREROGATIVE 28 (B,BF,F,G,S) G L Moore 7-11-10	R Johnson
2	3-U6	LANDSKER MISSILE 11 (CD,F,S) Mrs M Evans 8-11-7	Mr E Williams
3	32-3	FENWICK 11 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 10-10-11	T Dascombe (3)
4	1-53	CASTLECONNER 36 (B,CD,F,S) R Frost 6-10-10	J Frost
5	134-	FICHU 114 (F,S) Mrs L Richards 9-10-8	M Richards
6	402-	OLLIVER DUCKETT 175 (D,F) C Popham 8-10-8	Mr O McPhail (7)
7	2421	ILEWIN 28 (D,F,G,S) M Muggeridge 10-10-7	M Ahern
8	10-1	PLAS-HENDY 11 (F,G) P Rich 11-10-0	M Griffiths (7)
9	P-P4	RUSTIC GENT 12 (F,S) D Burchell 9-10-0	J R Kavanagh
10	-232	TANGO'S DELIGHT 28 (G) R Baker 9-10-0	V Slattery

3-1 Prerogative, 7-2 Ilewin, 11-2 Plas-Hendy, 13-2 Fenwick, 8-1 Castleconner, 10-1 Fichu, 12-1 Rustic Gent, Tango's Delight, 14-1 others.

3.10 HENDRE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,584: 3m 2f) (9)

No	Form	Horse	Jockey
1	3011	NAME OF OUR FATHER 12 (C,F) P Bowen 4-11-10	R Johnson
2	U2P-	TOUR LEADER 376 (F,G) R Buckler 8-11-4	B Powell
3	-2P2	FLEET CADET 30 (V,BF,C,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-0	G Supple (5)
4	13-2	BALLINDOO 25 (F,G) R Armson 8-10-9	Mr R Armson
5	15P-	SAMMORELLO 131 (CD,F,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-8	C Llewellyn
6	2422	ON MY TOES 12 (D,F,G) R Frost 6-10-0	Mr A Holdsworth
7	10-P	KILLING TIME 12 (F,S) D Burchell 6-10-0	D J Burchell
8	4320	BRIGHT SAPPHIRE 9 (F,G,S) J R Best 11-10-0	Miss E J Jones (7)
9	P-35*	COEUR BATTANT 28 (F) R Baker 7-10-0	V Slattery

5-2 Sammorello, 11-4 Name Of Our Father, 4-1 Fleet Cadet, 11-2 others.

3.40 BORDER JUNIOR SELLING HURDLE (£1,865: 2m 1f) (16)

No	Form	Horse	Jockey
1	54-0	CONTRACT BRIDGE 9 (CD,F) P Murphy 4-11-12	L Aspell (3)
2	2	FLAGSTAFF 11 D Wintle 4-11-7	W Marston
3	0	MEMBERS WELCOME 11 W G M Turner 4-11-7	J Power (7)
4		NORTHERN DRUMS 14F N Babbage 4-11-7	R Thornton (3)
5	0-	SANS PERE 42F N Babbage 4-11-7	V Slattery
6		GEMOLLY 11F M Meade 4-11-2	M Richards
7		IMPETUOUS LADY 39F R Frost 4-11-2	J Frost
8	0-	I SAY DANCER 335 L Barratt 4-11-2	S Wynne
9	644	MARGI BOO 11 M Sheppard 4-11-2	A P McCoy
10		OLD ROMA 6F John Berry 4-11-2	B Powell
11	033	RAW DEAL 37 B Preece 4-11-2	R Farrant
12		PATRICK 6F D Burchell 3-10-5	D J Burchell
13	U4P	SOUTHERN CHIEF 28 (B) W G M Turner 3-10-5	A Thornton
14	44	HOH DOWN 26 R Juckes 3-10-0	Gary Lyons
15	5	NASSCINA 7 P Bowen 3-10-0	R Johnson
16	552	SOVEREIGN 28 M Muggeridge 3-10-0	S Curran

7-2 Sovereign, 4-1 Flagstaff, 6-1 Contract Bridge, 13-2 Raw Deal, 8-1 Margi Boo, 14-1 Northern Drums, Hoh Down, 16-1 others.

4.10 ACONBURY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,866: 3m 1f 110yd) (8)

No	Form	Horse	Jockey
1	50-R	PERSIAN VIEW 7 (G,S) K Bailey 7-11-10	Mr R Wakley (5)
2	F-11	MUTUAL AGREEMENT 7 (F,S) P Nicholls 10-11-6 (7ex)	T J Murphy
3	23F2	KINLOGH GALE 11 (B,F) Mrs M Evans 9-11-5	Mr E Williams
4	3212	HAVE A BRANDY 19 (G,S) Mrs F O'Brien 8-10-11	A Maguire
5	3-51	SAXON MEAD 24 (F) P Hobbs 7-10-5	B Powell
6	4/56	TROY BOY 11 (B,S) B Llewellyn 7-10-2	M Griffiths (7)
7	21-F	LITTLE BY LITTLE 9 (F) B Preece 7-10-0	A Thornton
8	20-2	UP THE TEMPO 28 (BF) P Farrell 8-10-0	J Culloty

9-4 Mutual Agreement, 11-4 Have A Brandy, 3-1 Saxon Mead, 7-1 Kinlogh Gale, 8-1 Persian View, 16-1 Little By Little, 25-1 Up The Tempo, 33-1 Troy Boy.

4.40 MUCH MARCLE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,374: 2m 3f 110yd) (10)

No	Form	Horse	Jockey
1	2114	LORD NITROGEN 12 (D,F,G) B Llewellyn 7-11-11	Michael Brennan
2	4PU3	VISION OF FREEDOM 12 (F,G) P Bowen 9-11-9	L Cummins (3)
3	26-5	BISHOPS CASTLE 18 (F,G,S) R Frost 9-11-6	T O'Connor (7)
4	-115	ERIC'S BETT 10 (F) P Murphy 4-11-3	L Aspell
5	1-32	PAULTON 12 (B,G) K Bishop 4-10-13	G Supple
6	504-	SWAN STREET 151 C James 6-10-9	M Berry (3)
7	145-	A S JIM 124 (F) O O'Neill 6-10-4	E Husband
8	0-64	LITTLE HOOLIGAN 12 (V,F) S Knight 6-10-2	R Thornton
9	0PP-	CROWN AND CUSHION 217 (C,S) T Greathead 4-10-0	L Suthern (3)
10	P406	CHILLY LAD 26 R J Price 6-10-0	D J Kavanagh

7-2 Lord Nitrogen, 5-1 Eric's Bett, Paulton, 6-1 Vision Of Freedom, 7-1 A S Jim, 8-1 Little Hooligan, 10-1 Bishops Castle, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 33 winners from 104 runners, 31.7%. N Twiston-Davies, 28 from 95, 29.5%. P Hobbs, 14 from 62, 22.6%. P Murphy, 5 from 26, 19.2%. P Bowen, 4 from 21, 19.0%. R Buckler, 6 from 34, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: G Supple, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%. C Llewellyn, 21 from 73, 28.8%. B Fenton, 7 from 25, 28.0%. A McCoy, 20 from 73, 27.4%. A Maguire, 10 from 41, 24.4%. T J Murphy, 5 from 22, 22.7%.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS

Newbury

Going: good to soft

2.00 (1m 7yd) 1, Bin Rosie (K Fallon, 4-5 fav); 2, Fatefully (5-2); 3, Musical Pursuit (6-1). 5 ran. 4l, 1½l. D Loder. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £1.50. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.65.

2.30 (6f 8yd) 1, Arkadian Hero (K Fallon, 4-9 fav); 2, Jimmy Too (16-1); 3, Pool Music (12-1). 7 ran. NR: Bemsha Swing. Nk, 1l. L Cumani. Tote: £1.60; £1.40, £2.80. DF: £7.20. CSF: £8.36.

3.00 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Sharp Consul (C Rutter, 9-1); 2, Lomberto (33-1); 3, Istiloff (14-1). Game Ploy, Gnel 9-2 jt-fav. 15 ran. NR: Sophomore, Yarob. 2l, ¾l. H Candy. Tote: £10.20; £2.70, £11.20, £4.70. DF: £162.40. Trio: £1,412.00. CSF: £262.71. Tricast: £3,722.36.

3.30 (1m 5f 61yd) 1, Darapour (K Fallon, 9-4 fav); 2, Beauchamp Jade (14-1); 3, Shalateeno (10-1). 13 ran. NR: Steamroller Stanly. 1¼l, nk. L Cumani. Tote: £2.90; £1.70, £3.90, £2.60. DF: £32.10. Trio: £150.50. CSF: £34.89. Tricast: £254.30.

4.00 (5f 34yd) 1, Ivory's Joy (Martin Dwyer, 6-1); 2, Emperor Naheem (12-1); 3, Monte Lemos (5-1 jt-fav). Exbourne's Wish 5-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. Nk, nk. K Ivory. Tote: £6.50; £2.00, £4.10, £2.40. DF: £131.40. Trio: £251.90. CSF: £72.50. Tricast: £366.34.

4.30 (1m 7yd) 1, Prince Of Denial (T Quinn, 14-1); 2, Sweet Wilhelmina (9-1); 3, La Modiste (9-2 fav); 4, Saifan (16-1). 20 ran. Nk, 1¾l. D Arbuthnot. Tote: £18.50; £3.60, £2.10, £1.90, £11.00. DF: £66.20. Trio: £568.50. CSF: £126.67. Tricast: £628.59.

5.00 (6f 8yd) 1, Poly Blue (R Ffrench, 16-1); 2, Tumbleweed Prospect (8-1); 3, Astrologer (10-1). Deep Space 5-4 fav. 19 ran. NR: Torrent. ¾l, 3l. Miss G Kelleway. Tote: £29.50; £4.90, £2.60, £3.30. DF: £78.30. Trio: £326.10. CSF: £123.99.

Jackpot: £42,596.50.

Placepot: £200.80. Quadpot: £337.70.

Ayr

1.55 1, Equity Princess (Evens fav); 2, Corniche (11-4); 3, Lady Rachel (33-1). 12 ran.

2.25 1, Top Cees (9-2 jt-fav); 2, Gold Desire (16-1); 3, Globe Runner (9-2 jt-fav). 13 ran. NR: Hoh Express, Manful.

3.05 1, Perryston View (11-1); 2, Almasi (10-1); 3, Hard To Figure (25-1); 4, Kira (25-1). Tiler 5-1 fav. 28 ran. NR: Cross The Border.

3.35 1, Ghataas (6-1); 2, Sandmoor Chambray (7-2); 3, Winter Romance (6-1). Sacho 5-2 fav. 8 ran.

4.15 1, Wildwood Flower (14-1); 2, Double Action (10-1); 3, Superior Premium (33-1); 4, Aziz (33-1). Oggi 6-1 fav. 29 ran.

4.45 1, Solar Storm (11-1); 2, Somerton Boy (16-1); 3, Safio (11-2); 4, Rebel County (12-1). Kenmomara Star 4-1 fav. 19 ran. NR: Magic Mill.

5.15 1, Hujoom (10-1); 2, Premium Pursuit (14-1); 3, Cosmic Case (33-1). Huntswood 9-4 fav. 13 ran.

Carlisle

1.45 1, Wayuphill (4-11 fav); 2, Chief Of Khorassan (11-1); 3, Dont Forget Curtis (6-1). 7 ran.

2.15 1, Another Red (12-1); 2, Cardenden (8-1); 3, The Yokel (16-1). Furietto 5-2 fav. 10 ran.

2.45 1, Strathmore Lodge (40-1); 2, Leap In The Dark (5-4 fav); 3, Contrafire (11-8). 6 ran.

3.15 1, Garbo's Boy (7-1); 2, Royal Vacation (Evens fav); 3, Cumberland Blues (3-1). 5 ran.

3.45 1, Pentland Squire (4-1); 2, Hobbs Choice (4-1); 3, Well Appointed (100-30). Chill Wind 3-1 fav. 7 ran.

4.20 1, Master Kit (11-2); 2, Pebble Beach (9-2); 3, Two For One (9-1). Trump 7-4 fav (pu). 8 ran. NR: Mr Reiner.

4.50 1, Estate Agent (3-1 jt-fav); 2, Ben Doula (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Ardent Scout (7-1). 17 ran.

Catterick Bridge

2.20 1, Petara (14-1); 2, Supecalifragilistik (9-1); 3, Inchalong (11-2); 4, Impulse (11-2). Bawsian 7-2 fav. 17 ran.

2.50 1, Title Bid (8-11 fav); 2, Beware (5-1); 3, Ins May (11-1). 9 ran. NR: Intuitive.

3.20 1, Il Principe (7-2 fav); 2, Ranger Sloane (33-1); 3, Exactly (13-2). 15 ran. NR: Penny Peppermint, Welcome Lu.

3.50 1, Tessajoe (5-2 fav); 2, Double Eight (11-2); 3, Mad Militant (13-2). 7 ran.

4.25 1, Ziggy's Viola (7-4 fav); 2, Ronquista D'Or (9-2); 3, Hever Golf Angel (12-1). 7 ran.

4.55 1, Cantina (14-1); 2, Topton (5-2); 3, Present Chance (7-4 fav). 16 ran.

5.30 1, Lamorna (8-1); 2, Delight Of Dawn (14-1); 3, Celandine (6-1); 4, Crissem (20-1). Bollin Dorothy 4-1 fav. 17 ran.

Wolverhampton

7.00 1, Pedro (11-4 fav); 2, Copernicus (5-1); 3, Wuxi Venture (4-1). 8 ran.

7.30 1, Gablesea (25-1); 2, Arrasas Lady (13-2); 3, Jolly Jackson (11-2). D J Cat 3-1 fav. 13 ran.

8.00 1, Takhlid (16-1); 2, Beyond Calculation (11-2); 3, Napier Star (12-1). Barrack Yard 3-1 fav. 13 ran.

8.30 1, Robbo (10-1); 2, La Menorquina (4-1); 3, Salsee Lad (13-2). Pointe Fine 11-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Swordking.

9.00 1, Wildcat (6-4 fav); 2, Pink Ticket (9-2); 3, Emperor's Gold (11-1). 11 ran. NR: Romantic Secret.

9.30 1, English Invader (16-1); 2, Royal Roulette (10-1); 3, Mr Speculator (11-1). 12 ran.

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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

Track and field

ALGOTARJAN, Hungary: International jumping gala: Men (Winners and British): 1, Sotomayor (Cuba) 2.32m, 2, C Austin (US) 2.2?. 4, B Challenger (Charnwood) 2.20m 8, C Bent (Shaftesbury Barnet) 2.10m. Pole vault: 1, P Gurin (Pol) 5.48m. 4, T Thomas (Swansea) 5.02m. Women: High jump. 1, D Jancewicz (Pol) 1.93m. 5, S Jones (Wigan) 1.84m. 5, J Jennings (Essex Ladies) 1.80m. Pole vault: 1 Bartova (Cz) 4.23m. 2, J Whitlock (Trafford) 4.23 (British record); 10, R Clarke (Essex Ladies) 3.53. Match result: 1, Poland 41pts. 2, Great Britain 36, 3, Russia 35; 4, Hungary 26

Road running

OVERTON: Festival five miles: 1, G Barnes (Belgrave) 23min 45sec; 2, J Starling (Southampton) 24 21; 3, J Burke (London Irish) 24.54. Teams: 1, Overton 11pts; 2 Basingstoke and Mid Hants 48. Veteran: 1, N Gates (Brighton) 25:08; 2, E Barrett (Brighton and Hove) 25 54, 3, M Flower (Waverley) 26 01. Over-50: B O'Neill (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 26 43. Over-55: Presland (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 27:53. Over-60: G Wiltshire (City of Salisbury) 30:31. Over-65: W Davies (South West Vets) 33 53. Team: 1, Brighton and Hove 7pts 2, Aldershot, Farnham and District 2 3 Southampton City 40. Women: 1 M Bradley (Overton) 28.05, 2, B Hartigan (Birchfield) 28.18, 3, S Bradbury (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 29:50. Team: 1, Overton 1upts; 2. Basingstoke and Mid Hants 26. Veteran: K Wheeler (Overton) 33 22

Fell running

LITTLE LANGDALE, Cumbria: Three-shires race (13M, 4,000ft, including English championships). 1, G Bland (Borrowdale, Eng) 1hr 45min 08sec; 2, I Holmes (Bingley, Eng) 1 47.02; 3, J Davies (Borrowdale, Eng) 1 49 07; 4, A Bowness (Cumberland fell runners) 1 51 49, 5, D Neill (Mercia, M40) 1:51:56, 6, J Bland (Borrowdale, Eng) 1 52 12. Over-50: P McWade (Clayton-le-Moors) 2:08 27. Over-60: L Sullivan (Clayton-le-Moors) 2:37 11. Team: Borrowdale 51pts. International team: 1, England 6pts, 2, Scotland 19; 3, Wales 20. Women: 1, M Todd (Ambleside, 50th) 2:03:29 (record); 2, Y Hague (Pudsey and Bramley) 2.14:22, 3, J Clark (Pudsey and Bramley) 2 17 31; 4, A Brand-Barker (Keswick, W35) 2.20 43, 5, S Rowell (Pudsey and Bramley) 2 21 45, 6, E Batt (Bux) 2 25 35. Team: Pudsey and Bramley 0

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Semi-final: Adelaide Crows 12.21 (93) bt Western Bulldogs 13 13 (91)

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Philadelphia 10 Chicago Cubs 5 (6inns); Florida 5 New York Mets 2; St Louis 6 Pittsburgh 5 (11inns), Cincinnati 5 Houston 4, Atlanta 2 Montreal 1; Colorado 6 Los Angeles 4; San Francisco 7 San Diego 4 Saturday: Houston 4 Cincinnati 1: New York Mets 7 Florida 3, Philadelphia 3 Chicago Cubs 2, Colorado 2 Los Angeles 1; San Diego 12 San Francisco 2, St Louis 1 Pittsburgh 10, Montreal 1 Atlanta 3

	W	L	Pct	GB
East division				
† Atlanta	97	57	630	—
Florida	90	64	584	7
New York Mets	83	72	535	14½
Montreal	75	79	487	22
Philadelphia	64	91	413	33½
Central division				
Houston	78	76	506	—
Pittsburgh	75	80	484	3½
St Louis	71	83	461	7
Cincinnati	71	83	461	7
Chicago Cubs	65	90	419	13½
West division				
San Francisco	85	70	.548	—
Los Angeles	84	71	542	1
Colorado	80	75	516	5
San Diego	74	81	477	11

† denotes qualified for play-offs

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Kansas City 10 Cleveland 3 (first game), Cleveland 6 Kansas City 2 (second game); Chicago White Sox 5 Boston 4 (10inns); Detroit 5 Baltimore 3 (10inns); Toronto 3 New York Yankees 0; Milwaukee 7 Minnesota 4, Anaheim 7 Texas 5; Seattle 9 Oakland 4. Saturday: Baltimore 12 Detroit 8: New York Yankees 4 Toronto 3; Oakland 4 Seattle 3; Chicago White Sox 6 Boston 4; Kansas City 5 Cleveland 2; Minnesota 6 Milwaukee 1: Anaheim 7 Texas 6

	W	L	Pct	GB
East division				
† Baltimore	94	60	610	—
† NY Yankees	89	65	578	5
Detroit	76	78	494	18
Boston	75	80	484	19½
Toronto	72	82	468	22
Central division				
Cleveland	83	70	.542	—
Chicago WS	77	77	500	6½
Milwaukee	75	77	493	7½
Kansas City	63	90	412	20
Minnesota	62	91	405	21
West division				
Seattle	86	69	555	—
Anaheim	81	74	523	5
Texas	72	83	465	14
Oakland	63	92	406	23

† denotes qualified for play-offs

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Manchester 71 (Churchwell 22, New 18, M Brown 14), London Towers 76 (Lewis 27, K Brown-Robinson 14). Thames Valley 82 (Holley 29, Arena 17, McCord 16), Newcastle 89 (Phelps 34, McGee 15, Scantlebury 13). Worthing 91 (Swords 25, Faux 21, Caton 19), Crystal Palace 81 (Wodel 27, Speight 15, Martin 12), Watford 80 (Burns 24, Ratliff 10, Noel 9), Derby 90 (Rutledge 31, Berry 27)

MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Pool matches: Coventry 73 Aston Adanto 70, Flintshire 81 Stoke 95; Manchester 67 Sheffield 63; Northampton 39 Nottingham 73, Oxford 50 Richmond 85, Portsmouth 59 Reading 58, Plymouth 68 Cardiff 61 Slough 58 Barking and Dagenham 73, Southampton 55 London 90; Taunton 77 South Wales 79; Thames Valley 59 Bruton 61; Ware 94 Leicester 74, Westminster 66 Solent 71

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: First round: Doncaster 58 Liverpool 61, Manchester 60 Tyne and Wear 50, NW London 108 South Wales 31; Plymouth 49 Solent 41, Wandsworth 53 Chelmsford 33

BOWLS

SOHAM: International indoor masters: Round robin stage: Group one: G Harlow bt T Everitt 9-3, 9-6; G Smith bt Everitt 9-3. 9-0: Harlow bt Smith 2-9, 9-5, 9-2. Group two: H Duff bt R Corsie 9-2, 4-9, 9-5; Duff bt P Byrne 9-6, 9-0 Corsie bt Byrne 9-2, 9-0 Group three: M King bt M Bysouth 9-4, 9-4, J Price bt Bysouth 9-3, 9-0; King bt Price 9-6, 9-1 Group four: A E Thomson bt F Thurling 9-6, 9-3; Thomson bt D Gourlay 9-5, 1-9, 9-5. Gourlay bt Thurling 9-2, 9-7 Quarter-finals: Harlow bt Gourlay 7-5, 7-4, 7-5. Corsie bt King 7-3, 6-7, 7-0, 7-1. Duff bt Price 7-6, 5-7, 3-7, 7-2, 7-2, Thomson bt Smith 7-6, 7-1, 7-4. Semi-finals: Harlow bt Duff 7-3, 7-0, 4-7, 7-3; Thomson bt Corsie 7-3, 7-5, 7-1 Final: Thomson bt Harlow 7-3, 7-4, 7-2

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA: Travelsphere EWBA national inter-club championship: Quarter-finals: Peterborough and District bt Aveley, Essex 3-1 Blackwell bt Tewkesbury 3-1. Croydon tied with Sandy Conservative 2-2 (Croydon won 72-70 on shots difference); Lincoln Park Ladies tied with Dorchester 2-2 (Lincoln Park won 73 64 on shots difference) Semi-finals: Peterborough tied with Blackwell 2-2 (Peterborough won 77-71 on shots difference). Croydon bt Lincoln Park 3-1 Final: Peterborough bt Croydon 4-0

EGHAM: Ashbourne Homes All-England mixed pairs championship: Quarter-finals: R and J Poppy (Buckinghamshire) bt M Dealey and G Ayres (Hertfordshire) 29-8. S Bard-Bodek and K Allen (Middlesex) bt M Hopgood and J Chaney (Essex) 24-17. C McGrail and T Orr (Surrey) bt D Kennelly and D Hewick (Yorkshire) 19-16, D Bowtle and V Gearey (Northamptonshire) bt N and D Holder (Berkshire) 21-8 Semi-finals: Bard-Bodek and Allen bt Poppy and Poppy 18-15, McGrail and Orr bt Bowtle and Gearey 21-20 (after extra end) Final: Bard-Bowdek and Allen bt McGrail and Orr 29-12

BROADSTAIRS: Open tournament: Men's pairs: Semi-finals: A Gwynn and D Shields bt R Nowbold and C Fuddy 21-15, K Skuse and R Pitcher bt R Crouch and D Zapp intermediate: 1, Swizzle In (A Hoy) 32pts; 2, Crown Lapis Lazuli (S Taylor) 33p, 3, Crackerjack III (R Waygood) 36. Open intermediate: 1, Gardeur (E Winter) 32; 2, McRaffles (S Newman) 33. 3, Sarnilys Helena (M Ryan) 41.

GOLF

SAN ANTONIO, Texas: PGA Open: Leaders after three rounds (United States unless stated) 202: T Herron 71, 67, 64. 203: R Fehr 70, 67, 66 204: P H Horgan 68, 70, 66. D Waldorf 66, 68, 70 205: M Springer 69, 69, 67 206: C Parry (Aus) 68, 68, 70 207: T Tryba 69, 70, 68, D Barron 69, 68, 70; G Sauers 64, 73, 70; S Lowery 68, 69, 70; B Fabel 68, 68, 71 208: B Geiberger 67, 72, 69; R Cochran 69, 70, 69 J Gallagher 67, 71, 70 L Mattiace 68, 70, 70: B Hughes (Aus) 69, 64, 75. 209: T Byrum 70, 70, 69, R Freeman 69, 71, 69; K Comer 68, 71, 70; T Tyner 67, 71, 71, M Brisky 65, 71, 73 211: H Kase (Japan) 68, 71 72

REFRATH, Cologne: Hennessy Cup: Leading final scores: (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated) 288: L Davies 75, 71, 68, 74. 289: A M Knight (Aus) 74, 74, 69, 72 290: H Alfredsson (Swe) 72, 71, 75, 72; L Hackney 71, 75, 72, 72, A Nicholas 74, 70. 72, 74. 291: S Prosser 73, 72, 76, 70; N Fink (Austria) 72, 72, 72, 75 292: M Hjorth (Swe) 67, 74, 76, 75 293: M L de Lorenzi (Fr) 74, 74, 73, 72: R Carriedo (Sp) 75, 73, 72, 73 294: K Pearce (Aus) 67, 71, 82, 74, H Wadsworth 73, 76, 71, 74 295: A Gottmo (Swe) 76, 73, 77, 69, L Maritz (SA) 74, 76, 74, 71: P Meunier Lebouc (Fr) 75, 71, 77, 72, W Dicks 72, 73, 75, 75 J Mills (Aus) 71, 74, 75, 77; S Gustafson (Swe) 77, 74, 69, 75 296: T Fischer (Ger) 74, 71, 75, 76 A Berg (Swe) 73, 75, 72, 76 297: B Pestana (SA) 77, 77, 72, 71; C Schmitt (Fr) 72, 76, 77, 72; M Koch (Ger) 75, 71, 77, 74; F Pike (Aus) 75, 74, 73, 75 298: P Sterner (Swe) 76, 70, 77, 75 D Reid 71, 75, 74, 78 299: F Dassu (It) 73, 73, 74, 79 A Amuti (Sp) 76, 74, 76, 73. S Dallongeville (Fr) 73, 75, 76, 75 K Marshall 75, 70, 78, 76, C Louw (SA) 75, 72, 76, 76 300: A C Jonasson (Swe) 75, 75, 77, 73; L Brooky (NZ) 74, 77, 76, 73; C Dibnah (Aus) 77, 76, 74, 73, V Michaud (Fr) 76, 74, 73, 77 J Forbes 76, 74, 72, 78 301: K Lunn (Aus) 81, 74, 73, 73, T Johnson 77, 75, 75, 74 302: V Stensrud (Nor) 74, 73, 81, 74; J Leary (Aus) 74, 75, 76, 77, S Carbon (Aus) 72, 74, 77 79 303: J Morley 80, 74, 76, 73 304: G Stewart 76, 76, 77, 75 305: L Navarro (Sp) 79, 74, 76, 76, P Wright 78, 74, 76, 77, K Orum (Den) 74, 79, 72, 80 306: S Farron (NZ) 74, 76, 79, 77 307: L Lambert (Aus) 75, 79, 78, 75, D Booker (Aus) 80, 73, 78, 76, S Head 77, 75, 78, 77 K Taylor 79, 74, 77, 77 308: E Estrel (Ger) 77, 84, 75, 72, M Hedblom (Swe) 75, 75, 80, 78 309: D Barnard 79, 75, 81, 74 310: I Tinning 77, 79, 77, 77 311: K Poppmeier (Austria) 75, 81, 75, 80, L Fairclough 75, 75, 79, 82 312: J Head 80, 77, 76, 79 315: S Molin (Swe) 79, 79, 82, 75, D Dowling 76, 76, 84, 79 316: X Wunsch (Sp) 79, 74, 80, 83 317: M Murray 76, 79, 82, 80, M Sutton 79, 77, 78, 83 318: N Gole (Aus) 81, 78, 77, 82 320: S Mendiburu (Fr) 79, 81, 79, 81

CANTON, Massachusetts: LPGA Welch's Championship: Leaders after three rounds (United States unless stated) 208: N Harvey (Can) 67, 68, 71, L Neumann (Swe) 67, 70, 63 210: S Steinhauer 71, 72, 67; K Webb (Aus) 69, 70, 71, R Hetherington (Aus) 72, 66, 72 211: C Hj Koch (Swe) 70, 69, 72 212: C Matthew (GB) 76, 68, 68, D Richard 73, 69, 70, A Fruhwirth 72 68, 72 A Ridgway 69, 70, 73 217: K Davies (GB) 75, 70, 72: H Dobson (GB) 74, 70, 73 219: S Maynor (GB) 73, 73, 73

GYMNASTICS

MANCHESTER: World acrobatics championship: 1, Russia 94 marks 2 equal, China and Ukraine 91 4, Great Britain 86; 5, Poland 78, 6, Bulgaria 69

HOCKEY

ALL ENGLAND WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION: Premier division: Hightown 2 Slough 4 Sutton Coldfield 1 Clifton Scottish Life 1; Clifton Terraquest 2 Trojans 2 Ipswich 4 Doncaster 0 First division: Loughborough Students 1 Canterbury 6, Bracknell 0 Wimbledon 2, Bradford Swithenbank 1 Leicester 4 Chelmsford Highway 7 Sunderland Bedans 0 Second division: Woking Swifts 2 Old Loughtonians 1, Ealing 1 West Witney 0 Sherwood 5 Bluecharis 0; Poynton 0 Aldridge 2

MILTON KEYNES: Men's junior World Cup: Pool A: Cuba 0 Belgium 1 Australia 2 India 2, Spain 0 Holland 1 Leading championship positions: 1, Australia 7pts 2, Spain 6. 3, India 4; 4, Holland 4, 5, Belgium 4; 6, Cuba 0 Pool B, India 3 Holland 2, Argentina 2 Egypt 2, England 0 Germany 1; Pakistan 5 Japan 1 Leading positions after three games: 1, Germany 9 pts; 2, England 6; 3, Pakistan 5; 4, Egypt 2; 5, Argentina 2 6, Japan 0

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Basingstoke Bison 2 Cardiff Devils 4. Nottingham Panthers 11 Peterborough Pirates 1; Paisley Pirates 3 Newcastle Cobras 13, Sheffield Steelers 4 Manchester Storm 9; Slough Jets 0 Bracknell Bees 7. Telford Tigers 2 Ayr Scottish Eagles 12.

LACROSSE

IROQUOIS CUP: Final: Mellor 36 Purley 0.

MOTORCYCLING

ALBACETE, Spain: World superbike championship: First round: 1, J Kocinski (US, Honda) 40min 22.58sec; 2, A Slight (NZ, Honda) 40:28.614; 3, S Crafar (NZ, Kawasaki) 40:31.035; 4, A Yanagawa (Japan, Kawasaki) 40.36.311; 5, P F Chili (It, Ducati) 40:42.772; 6, P Bontempi (It, Kawasaki) 40:49 035, 7, G Lavilla (Sp, Ducati) 40 50 076; 8, M Hale (US, Suzuki) 40 50 502, 9, J Schmid (Ger, Kawasaki) 41 07 320; 10, C Walker (GB, Yamaha) 41:08.303 Second round: 1, Kocinski 40:21 958; 2, Crafar 40:23 374; 3, Slight 40:24 060, 4, Yanagawa 40:24 266; 5, S Russell (US, Yamaha) 40:36 541; 6, Bontempi 40:36 914, 7, Chili 40:53 131, 8, N Hodgson (GB, Ducati) 41.07.432, 9, Hale 41:07 503, 10, J Whitham (GB, Suzuki) 41 09 459 Leading championship positions: 1, Kocinski 364pts. 2, C Fogarty (GB) 312. 3, Slight 285. 4, Chili 203, 5, Russell 201.

MOTOR RACING

SILVERSTONE: Auto Trader RAC touring car championship: Round 23 (17 laps, 38.39 miles): 1, A Menu (Switz, Renault Laguna) 24min 13.272sec, 2, A Reid (GB, Nissan Primera) at 2 306sec; 3, J Plato (GB, Renault Laguna) 5 699; 4, G Tarquini (It, Honda Accord) 9 964. 5, K Burt (GB, Volvo S40) 12.795, 6, D Leslie (GB, Nissan Primera) 13 413. 7, J Thompson (GB, Honda Accord) – 14 724. 8, F Biela (Ger, Audi A4) 18 993, 9, P Watts (GB, Peugeot 406) 26.256. 10, P Radisich (GB Ford Mondeo) 26 570 Round 24 (20 laps, 45 04 miles) 1 Plato 28min 30 311sec; 2, Menu at 0 349sec, 3, Tarquini 11 466; 4 Thompson 19.235, 5 Radisich 22 026, 6, Leslie 22.349, 7, R Rydell (Swe, Volvo S40) 22.805 8, Burt 25 007, 9, Watts 26 518 10 W Hoy (GB Ford Mondeo) 34 932 Leading final championship positions: 1, Menu 281pts, 2, Biela 171, 3, Plato 170; 4, Rydell 137, 5, Thompson 132; 6, Tarquini 130, 7, J Bintcliffe (GB Audi) 119; 8, Leslie 87, 9, T Harvey (GB, Peugeot) 66, 10, Burt 60 Manufacturers championship: 1, Renault 278pts; 2, Audi 210, 3, Honda 209; 4, Volvo 191, 5, Nissan 155 6, Peugeot 118 7, Ford 113, 8 Vauxhall 106

MOTOR RALLYING

RALLY OF INDONESIA. Leading final positions. 1, C Sainz (Sp, Ford) 4hr 37min 30sec; 2, J Kankkunen (Fin, Ford) 4 37 46. 3, K Eriksson (Swe, Subaru) 4:38 49, 4, R Burns (GB, Mitsubishi) 4:39.24, 5, Y Fujimoto (Japan, Toyota) 4.58 34, 6, K Singh (Malaysia, Proton) 5:03 02

RUGBY LEAGUE

Divisional Premiership

Semi-finals

Hull 45 **Whitehaven** 18

Hull Sharks: Tries: Johnson 2, Gray, Hepi, Hewitt, Holmes, Schultz, Vaikona Goals: Hewitt 6 Dropped goal: Hewitt. Whitehaven Warriors: Tries: Kiddie, L Smith, Lester, Quirk. Goal: Hetherington. Att: 4,364.

Keighley 8 **Huddersfield** 18

Keighley Cougars. Try: Foster Goals: Robinson 2 Huddersfield Giants: Tries: Cheetham, Harmon, Weston Goals. Cook 3 Att: 3,480

STONES PREMIERSHIP: Semi-final: St Helens 32 Castleford Tigers 18

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Egremont 31 Askam 4. Heworth 16 Walney Central 20; Leigh Miners 36 Beverley 16, Saddleworth 14 Oldham St Anne's 20: West Hull 31 Dudley Hill 2; Wigan St Patrick's 37 Mayfield 20, Woolston 28 Lock Lane 22 First division: Blackbrook 14 Wigan St Jude's 18, Eastmoor 36 Leigh East 35, Milford 4 Redhill 32; Millom 29 Skirlaugh 10, Oulton 15 Moldgreen 12; Shaw Cross 34 Barrow Island 14, Thornhill 24 East Leeds 8 Second division: Dewsbury Moor 19 Hull Dockers 4; Dodworth 26 Crosfields 24, Featherstone Amateur 14 Eccles 2: London Students 12 Siddal 24; New Earswick 32 Normanton 12, Ovenden 26 York Acorn 24

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (ARL) Preliminary finals: Newcastle 17 North Sydney 12 Manly 17 Sydney City 16

AUSTRALASIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Grand final: Brisbane 26 Cronulla 8

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Inter-Services pistol championships: Standard pistol (teams of six): 1, RAF 3,214pts (S/Ldr P Flippant 553), 2, Regular Army 3,122 (Maj R Skelmerdine-Hare 543); 3, Royal Navy 2,723 (CPO Crawford 526) Centre fire: 1, RAF 3,338pts (Flippant 584); 2, Regular Army 3,286 (Maj E Feldmanis 580), 3, Royal Navy 2,731 (Crawford 550) Standard pistol: 1. Great Britain 3,283pts (B Smith 562, 2. Combined Services 3,261 (P Flippant 566) Centre fire: 1, Great Britain 3,389pts (M Gault 578); 2 Combined Services 3,370 (Sgt S Pengelly RAF 575) Surrey rifle championships: Gentley Prize (Queen's II 1, A Smith 105 19pts, 2, D Crispin 105 15 3, P Patel 105 17 St George's aggregate. 1, Messer 255.40pts 2, Baylis 254 39. 3, J Bellringer 252.41 Willoughby aggregate (800 and 900 yards) 1, D Richards 150 25pts; 2, R Barrington 150 24; 3, A Chown 150 23 Surrey Open: 1, P Bennison 472 62pts; 2, M Walton 471.66, 3, D Richards 471 65 Surrey Closed: 1, Bennison 367 56pts, 2, P Patel 396 53 3 D Crispin 396 51.

SNOOKER

BEIJING. International Super Challenge: Final: S Davis (Eng) bt J White (Eng) 7-4

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Peterborough 43 Poole 47; Belle Vue 56 King's Lynn 34, Eastbourne 61 King's Lynn 29

PREMIER LEAGUE: Edinburgh 44 Newcastle 46; Arena Essex 49 Hull 41 Oxford 41 Isle of Wight 49 Berwick 50 Edinburgh 40 Isle of Wight 59 Arena Essex 30. Stoke 37 Newcastle 53; Isle of Wight 59 Reading 29. Newport 43 Newcastle 47

AMATEUR LEAGUE: M4 Raven Sprockets 44 Anglian Angels 34

VOJENS, Denmark: Danish Grand Prix: Sixth round: Group A: 1, M Loram (Eng and Bradford) 25 (11), 2, T Rickardsson (Swe and Ipswich) 20 (11); 3, G Hancock (US and Coventry) 18 (13), 4, T Gollob (Pol) 16 (12) Group B: 1, C Louis (Eng and Ipswich) 14 (9); 2, B Hamill (US and Belle Vue) 13 (10) 3, H Nielsen (Den) 12 (10) 4, J Nilsen (Swe and Swindon) 11 (10) Group C: L Adams (Aus and Swindon) 9 (7), B Andersen (Den and Coventry) 8 (9), P Karlsson (Swe and Wolverhampton) 7 (4), A Smith (Eng and Coventry) 6 (4) Group D. 1, J B Jensen (Den and Wolverhampton) 4 (2), 2, P Protasiewicz (Pol) 3 (3), 3, M Karlsson (Swe and Wolverhampton) 2 (4), 4, S Drabik (Pol) 1 (1)

TENNIS

TOKYO: Women's tournament. Semi-finals: M Seles (US) bt N Sawamatsu (Japan) 6-3, 6-1; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt Y Basuki (Indo) 1-6, 7-6, 6-4 Final: Seles bt Sanchez Vicario 6-1, 3-6 7-6

DAVIS CUP: World group: Semi-finals: Sweden 4 Italy 1 (Sweden names first J Bjorkman bt O Camporese 6-7, 6-3 6-2 3-6 6-3 T Enqvist lost to R Furlan 3-6, 6-3 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; N Kulti and Bjorkman bt D Nargiso and Camporese 6-1 6-1, 6-2, Bjorkman bt Furlan 4-6, 6-4, 6-0 6-4 Enqvist bt Camporese 6-3, 6-7, 6-3), United States 3 Australia 1 (United States names first: M Chang bt P Rafter 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 P Sampras bt M Philippoussis 6-1 6-2, 7-6 Sampras and T Martin lost to T Woodbridge and M Woodforde 3-6, 7-6, 6-2, 6-4; Sampras bt Rafter 6-7, 6-1, 6-1, 6-4). World group qualifying round: Germany 5 Mexico 0; Belgium 3 France 2; Russia 3 Romania 2; Brazil 3 New Zealand 0, Slovakia 3 Canada 1, Zimbabwe 3 Austria 2, Norway 3 Portugal 2; Switzerland 3 South Korea 2.

RUGBY UNION

Heineken Cup

Pool A

Milan 33 **Leinster** 32

Milan: Tries: Gomez, Marcello Cuttitta, Troperzi, Turner, Vaccari Con: Laglize Pens: Tebana 2 Leinster: Tries: McWeeny 2, A McGowan, O'Mahony Cons: A McGowan 3. Pens: A McGowan 2 Att: 3,000

Toulouse 17 **Leicester** 22

Toulouse: Tries: Garbajosa, penalty try Cons: Mirlaing, Ouger Pen: Ouger Leicester: Try: Miller Con: Stransky Pens: Stransky 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	3	2	0	1	57	43	4
Toulouse	3	2	0	1	70	61	4
Leinster	3	1	0	2	73	78	2
Milan	3	1	0	2	57	77	2

Pool B

Glasgow 35 **Swansea** 21

Glasgow: Tries: Craig, McGrandles, Shaw, Stark. Cons: Hayes 3 Pens: Hayes 3 Swansea: Tries: Anthony, H Thomas Con: A Thomas Pens: A Thomas 3 Att: 2,500. (at Scotstoun, Glasgow)

Wasps 56 **Ulster** 3

Wasps: Tries: Logan 3, Greenstock, King, Mitchell, Roiser. Wood Cons: Rees 5. Pens: Rees 2 Ulster: Pen: Laing.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wasps	3	3	0	0	133	50	6
Glasgow	3	2	0	1	75	79	4
Swansea	3	1	0	2	79	82	2
Ulster	3	0	0	3	31	107	0

Pool C

Bath 27 **Brive** 25

Bath: Tries: Catt, Perry Con: Callard Pens: Callard 5. Brive: Tries: Arbizu, Bomati, Carrat Cons: Arbizu 2. Pens: Arbizu 2

Scottish Borders 16 **Pontypridd** 23

Scottish Borders: Try: Dods Con: Welsh Pens. Welsh 3 Pontypridd: Tries: Morgan, Paul John Cons: Jenkins 2. Pens: Jenkins 3

(at Poynder Park, Kelso)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	3	3	0	0	79	57	6
Brive	3	2	0	1	113	76	4
Pontypridd	3	1	0	2	69	69	2
Scot Borders	3	0	0	3	51	110	0

Pool D

Munster 17 **Bourgoin** 15

Munster: Try: Lacey Pens: C Burke 4 Bourgoin: Pens: Favre 4 Dropped goal: N Geany Att: 6 000

(at Thomond Park, Limerick)

Cardiff 21 **Harlequins** 28

Cardiff: Pens: L Jarvis 7. Harlequins: Tries: Benazzi, Williams, Wood Cons: Lacroix 2 Pens: Lacroix 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Harlequins	3	3	0	0	121	68	6
Cardiff	3	1	0	2	89	77	2
Munster	3	1	0	2	80	106	2
Bourgoin	3	1	0	2	48	87	2

Pool E

Llanelli 39 **Treviso** 18

Llanelli: Tries: Booby 2, Gibbs, Moon, Wintle Cons: C Warlow 4 Pens: C Warlow 2 Treviso: Tries: Dotto, Perziano, Stewart Pen: L Sarrelli

Pau 50 **Caledonia** 8

Pau: Tries: Rolles 3, Mennieres 2, Clavene, Lelon Cons. Aucagne 4, Fauque 2 Pen: Aucagne Caledonia: Try: Easson Pen: Shepherd

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pau	3	3	0	0	113	38	6
Llanelli	3	2	0	1	74	80	4
Caledon	3	1	0	2	43	82	2
Treviso	3	0	0	3	45	75	0

European Conference

Pool A

Agen 45 **Bristol** 18

Agen: Tries. Benazzi, Fabre, Heymans, Porcu, Rodriguez Cons: Bouic 4 Pens: Bouic 4 Bristol: Tries. Maggs, Pearce Con: Burke Pens: Burke 2 Att: 4,500

La Rochelle 25 **Ebbw Vale** 24

La Rochelle. Try: Bouche Con: Elissade Pens: Bouche 6. Ebbw Vale: Tries: K Jones, Jumaiolo Con: Hayward Pens: Hayward 4 Att: 4,000

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Agen	3	3	0	0	105	54	6
Ebbw Vale	3	1	0	2	68	67	2
Bristol	3	1	0	2	66	87	2
La Rochelle	3	1	0	2	59	90	2

Pool B

Montpellier 16 **Montferrand** 18

Montpellier: Tries: Bertrand, Boudaoui Pens: Dureuil 2 Montferrand: Tries: Bory, Toulouze Con: Merceron Pens: Nicol 2

Sale 61 **Newport** 27

Sale: Tries: Moore 3, Mallinder 2, Baxendell, Sanderson, Vyvyan Cons: Howarth 6 Pens: Howarth 3 Newport: Tries: D Smith, I Robinson, Machacek, Workman Cons: John 2 Pen. John

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Montferrand	3	3	0	0	101	64	6
Sale	3	1	0	2	89	82	2
Montpellier	3	1	0	2	63	72	2
Newport	3	1	0	2	101	136	2

Pool C

Farul Constanta 9 **London Irish** 26

Farul Constanta: Pens: Bezarau 2, Florea London Irish: Tries: Burns 2 Cons: Burns 2 Pens: Burns 4

Stade Francais 65 **Dax** 19

Stade Francais: Tries: Gomes 2, Bolobo, Juillet, Lombard, Mytton Pedrosa, Reight, penalty try Cons: Reight 7 Pens: Reight 2 Dax: Tries Darret, Labeyrie 2 Cons: Labal 2. Att: 5,000

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stade Francais	3	3	0	0	189	54	6
Dax	3	2	0	1	85	104	4
London Irish	3	1	0	2	70	84	2
F Constanta	3	0	0	3	39	141	0

Pool D

Begles 9 **Connacht** 15

Begles-Bordeaux: Pens: V Etcheto 3 Connacht: Pens: Elwood 5

Northampton 66 **Nice** 7

Northampton: Tries. Dawson 5, Grayson 2, Allen, Colin Rodber Cons: Grayson 8 Nice: Try: penalty try Con: Cassus

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	3	2	0	1	104	63	4
Connacht	3	2	0	1	74	42	4
Begles	3	1	0	2	47	64	2
Nice	3	1	0	2	51	107	2

Pool E

Bridgend 24 **Colomiers** 49

Bridgend: Tries: D Jones, Downes, penalty try Cons: Cull 3 Pen: Cull Colomiers: Tries: Biboulet, Graou, Peysson, Roque, Tabacco, penalty try. Cons: Labit 5 Pens: Labit 3

Richmond 37 **Grenoble** 8

Richmond: Tries: Brown, Deane, Martin, Williams, penalty try Cons: Va'a 3 Pens: Va'a 2. Grenoble: Try: Cambres Pen: Beale

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colomiers	3	3	0	0	143	52	6
Richmond	3	2	0	1	98	53	4
Bridgend	3	1	0	2	70	125	2
Grenoble	3	0	0	3	51	132	0

Pool F

Béziers 27 **Gloucester** 29

Béziers: Tries; Cark, Gratien, Mignoni, Ouanbaev Cons: Gratien 2 Pen: Gratien Gloucester: Tries: Glanville, Greening, Windo. Con: Mapletoft Pens: Mapletoft 4. Att: 3,000.

Padova 13 **Toulon** 54

Padova: Try: Rolleston Con: Berry. Pens: Barry 2 Toulon: Tries: Schuwer 3, Salacroux 2, Aqua, Consetta, Martin Cons: Teisseire 3, Paille Pens: Teisseire 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gloucester	3	3	0	0	90	52	6
Toulon	3	2	0	1	88	45	4
Béziers	3	1	0	2	81	71	2
Padova	3	0	0	3	46	137	0

Pool G

Biarritz 18 **Perpignan** 8

Biarritz: Pens: Darrichon 3, Arrieta, Mazas Dropped goal: Darrichon Perpignan: Pens: Salles 2.

Edinburgh 16 **Newcastle** 40

Edinburgh: Try: McLean Con: Hodge Pens: Hodge 3 Newcastle: Tries: Simpson 2, Graham, Legg, Tait, Tuigamala. Cons: Simpson 5.

(at Goldenacre)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	3	3	0	0	137	29	6
Biarritz	3	2	0	1	60	58	4
Perpignan	3	1	0	2	30	87	2
Edinburgh	3	0	0	3	40	93	0

Pool H

Castres 24 **Narbonne** 19

Castres: Tries: Lassissi 2. Con: Castaignède Pens: Castaignede 4 Narbonne: Try: J Valls Con: J Valls Pens: J Valls 4 Att: 4,500

Saracens 69 **Neath** 30

Saracens: Tries: R Wallace 3, Constable 2, Sorrell 2, Chesney, Olsen, Stumham Cons: Lynagh 8 Pen; Lynagh Neath: Tries: Case 2, Devergie. Cons: Case 3 Pens: Case 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saracens	3	3	0	0	113	67	6
Castres	3	2	0	1	81	57	4
Narbonne	3	1	0	2	85	52	2
Neath	3	0	0	3	52	155	0

Allied Dunbar Premiership

Second division

Bedford 45 **London Scottish** 33

Bedford: Tries: Whetstone 2, Murdoch, O'Neill, Oliver, Turner Cons: Rayer 3 Pens: Rayer 3 London Scottish: Tries: Sharman 3, penalty try Cons: Lee 2 Pens: Lee 3

Blackheath 50 **Fylde** 16

Blackheath: Tries: Clarke 4, Wilkins 2, Ridgway, Schuster Cons: Braithwaite 3, Schuster 2 Fylde: Try: Evans Con: Gough Pens: Gough 3

Exeter 24 **Waterloo** 20

Exeter: Tries: Fabien 2 Con: Fabien Pens: Fabien 3 Dropped goal: McLoughlin Waterloo: Tries: Holt, Morris Cons: Griffiths 2 Pens: Griffiths 2

Orrell 30 **Moseley** 19

Orrell: Tries: Ryan 2, Silcock, penalty try Cons: Verbickas 2 Pens: McCarthy, Verbickas Moseley: Tries: Smith, O'Mahony, Martin Cons: Liley 2

Rotherham 33 **West Hartlepool** 21

Rotherham: Tries: Shepherd 2, Dudley, Easterby Cons: Binns 2 Pens: Binns 2 Dropped goal: Binns West Hartlepool: Tries: Botham, Farrell Con: Vile Pens: S John, Vile Dropped goal: Vile

Wakefield 6 **Coventry** 17

Wakefield: Pens: Jackson 2 Coventry: Tries: Curtis, Eves, Smallwood Con: Brown

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry	4	4	0	0	89	41	8
L Scottish	4	3	0	1	136	77	6
Orrell	3	3	0	0	85	50	6
Bedford	3	3	0	0	95	61	6
Blackheath	4	2	0	2	102	103	4
Waterloo	4	2	0	2	88	97	4
Exeter	4	2	0	2	68	96	4
W Hartlepool	3	1	0	2	61	70	2
Rotherham	3	1	0	2	58	68	2
Moseley	3	0	0	3	47	71	0
Wakefield	4	0	0	4	66	95	0
Fylde	3	0	0	3	40	108	0

LEADING SCORERS: 50: D Lee (London Scottish, 1 try, 6 conversions, 9 penalty goals, 2 dropped goals) 45: M Rayer (Bedford, 6c, 11pg) 44: J Fabien (Exeter, 2t, 2c, 10pg) 38: L Griffiths (Waterloo, 7c, 9pg) 34: S Verbickas (Orrell, 2t, 3c, 6pg) 33: J Harris (Coventry; 11pg)

Jewson National League

First division

Liverpool St H 19 **Newbury** 16

Liverpool St Helens: Try: Wood Con: Brett, Pens: Brett 4 Newbury: Try: Duke Con. Dangerfield Pens: Dangerfield 3

Lydney 5 **Leeds** 8

Lydney: Try: Johnson Leeds: Try: Tuipulotu Pen: Tuipulotu

Morley 24 **London Welsh** 52

Morley, Tries Fletcher, Smith, Sykes Pens. M Sales 3 London Welsh: Tries: Giraud 2, Shaw 2 Currier, Dawes L Jones, Westlake Cons: Raymond 6

Nottingham 18 **Harrogate** 12

Nottingham: Try: Simmons Con: C Atkinson Pens: C Atkinson 3 Harrogate: Tries: Farnsworth, Morley Con: Riley

Reading 40 **Wharfedale** 24

Reading: Tries: Rowland 2 Bachelet Ellis, Fanning, Metcalfe Cons: Dance 5 Wharfedale: Tries. Mounsey 2, Howarth Dawes Cons: Mounsey 2

Rugby 34 **Rosslyn Park** 22

Rugby. Tries: Earl 2, Saunders 2 Con: Quantrill Pens: Quantrill 4 Rosslyn Park: Tries: Harrison, Rawson Pens. Maudock 4

Worcester 27 **Otley** 12

Worcester: Tries: Baxter, Fenley, Houston, Smith Cons: Le Bas 2 Pen: Smith Otley: Tries: Billington, Rutledge, Con: Rutledge. Att: 1,500

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Worcester	4	4	0	0	127	49	8
Reading	4	3	0	1	118	75	6
Rugby	3	3	0	0	76	38	6
London Welsh	3	2	1	0	114	65	5
Leeds	3	2	1	0	56	50	5
Wharfedale	4	2	0	2	89	107	4
Harrogate	3	1	0	2	86	62	2
Newbury	3	1	0	2	63	63	2
Rosslyn Park	3	1	0	2	54	68	2
Nottingham	3	1	0	2	45	60	2
Lydney	4	1	0	3	40	58	2
Liverpool St H	3	1	0	2	36	71	2
Otley	4	1	0	3	49	97	2
Morley	4	0	0	4	60	140	0

LEADING SCORERS: 46: A Mounsey (Wharfedale, 3 tries, 8 conversions, 5 penalty goals) 42: J Dance (Reading, 9c, 8pg) 36: S Tuipolotu (Leeds; 2t, 4c, 6pg). 35: C Atkinson (Nottingham; 1c, 11pg) 34: C Raymond (London Welsh; 11c, 4pg): P Rutledge (Otley: 2t, 11c, 6pg).

Second division north

Aspatria	8	Kendal	38
Birmingham/S	43	Manchester	37
Lichfield	21	Hinckley	22
Nuneaton	26	Winnington Park	21
Sandal	27	Stourbridge	17
Sheffield	8	Sedgley Park	15
Walsall	30	Preston Grass	5

Second division south

Barking	19	Havant	15
Camberley	38	Clifton	15
Esher	41	Cheltenham	18
Henley	20	Weston-s-Mare	13
Met Police	10	Redruth	33
Plymouth	9	North Walsham	20
Tabard	42	Bridgwater	18

NORTH: First division: Bridlington 27 Wigton 5, Broughton Park 56 Stockton 0, Doncaster 25 Hull Ionians 15, Macclesfield 0 New Brighton 20; Widnes 18 Tynedale 15; West Park Bramhope 14 Middlesbrough 15 MIDLANDS: First division: Barkers Butts 9 Broadstreet 30, Kenilworth 38 Leighton Buzzard 11; Scunthorpe 44 Mansfield 8, Stoke-on-Trent 23 Hereford 11; Syston 6 Banbury 10. Westleigh 35 Derby 6, Whitchurch 41 Camp Hill 18; Wolverhampton 3 Burton 39. LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: First division: Basingstoke 53 Askeans 0; Harlow 76 Charlton Park 15: Norwich 79 Southend 9; Old Mid-Whitgiftians 17 Guildford and Godalming 27, Sutton and Epsom 19 Thurrock 13, Staines 41 Cheshunt 3, Sudbury 23 Ruislip 23, Wimbledon 22 Thanet Wanderers 20 SOUTH WEST: First division: Bracknell 22 Gloucester Old Boys 20: High Wycombe 3 Barnstaple 43: Launceston 38 Berry Hill 0, Matson 22 Stroud 10: Penzance-Newlyn 66 St Ives 0. Torquay 14 Maidenhead 32

Welsh League

First division

Bonymaen 9 **Treorchy** 17

Bonymaen: Pens: Davis 2 Dropped goal: Davis Treorchy: Tries: Eggar, Hopkins, L Jones Con: G Jones

Caerphilly 66 **Newbridge** 17

Caerphilly: Tries: Wainwright 3, Bidgood 2, C Brown, D Phillips, Murphy Cons: Davey 7 Pens: Davey 4 Newbridge: Tries: Fellow, M Taylor, N Edwards Con. J Williams

Cross Keys 26 **Dunvant** 11

Cross Keys: Tries: Walsh, penalty try Cons. Bebb 2 Pens: Bebb 4 Dunvant: Try: Middleton Pen: M Thomas. Dropped goal: M Thomas

Maesteg 12 **Blackwood** 10

Maesteg: Pens: A Davies 4. Blackwood. Try: Morgan Con: Lay Pen: Lay

Merthyr 15 **Abertillery** 15

Merthyr: Tries: Bryant, Davies Con: Lloyd Pen. Lloyd Abertillery: Tries: A Price, Dawkins, Wright

Rumney 27 **Llandovery** 20

Rumney: Tries: Greedy 2, Withers Cons: Mason 3 Pens: Mason 2 Llandovery: Tries: J Griffiths, James Cons: Simpson 2 Pens: Simpson 2

SW Police 52 **Pontypool** 19

South Wales Police: Tries: A Thomas 2, Cox, Hembrow, N Jones, Owen, Sparrow, penalty try Cons: Sparrow 6 Pontypool: Tries: I Williams, Penny, S Clarke Cons: Thatcher 2

Cardiff Inst 27 **Aberavon** 33

Cardiff Institute: Tries: A Davies, Edwards, P Davies Cons: Roberts 3 Pens: Roberts 2 Aberavon: Tries: D Griffiths, Donovan, Stoff, Sturgess Cons: Ball, Jacobs Pens: Ball 3

SECOND DIVISION: St Peter's 35 Abercynon 13 Ystradgynlais 24 Kenfig Hill 16, Tondu 0 Pyle 24, Whitland 43 Mountain Ash 6 Tenby Utd 19 Llanharan 26, Tredegar 32 Narberth 3

SRU League Trophy

Group A

Edinburgh Ac	44	Currie	18
Gala	24	Heriot's FP	21
Glasgow Hawks	52	Kirkcaldy	30
Hawick	10	Musselburgh	15
Melrose	84	Preston Lodge	10

Group B

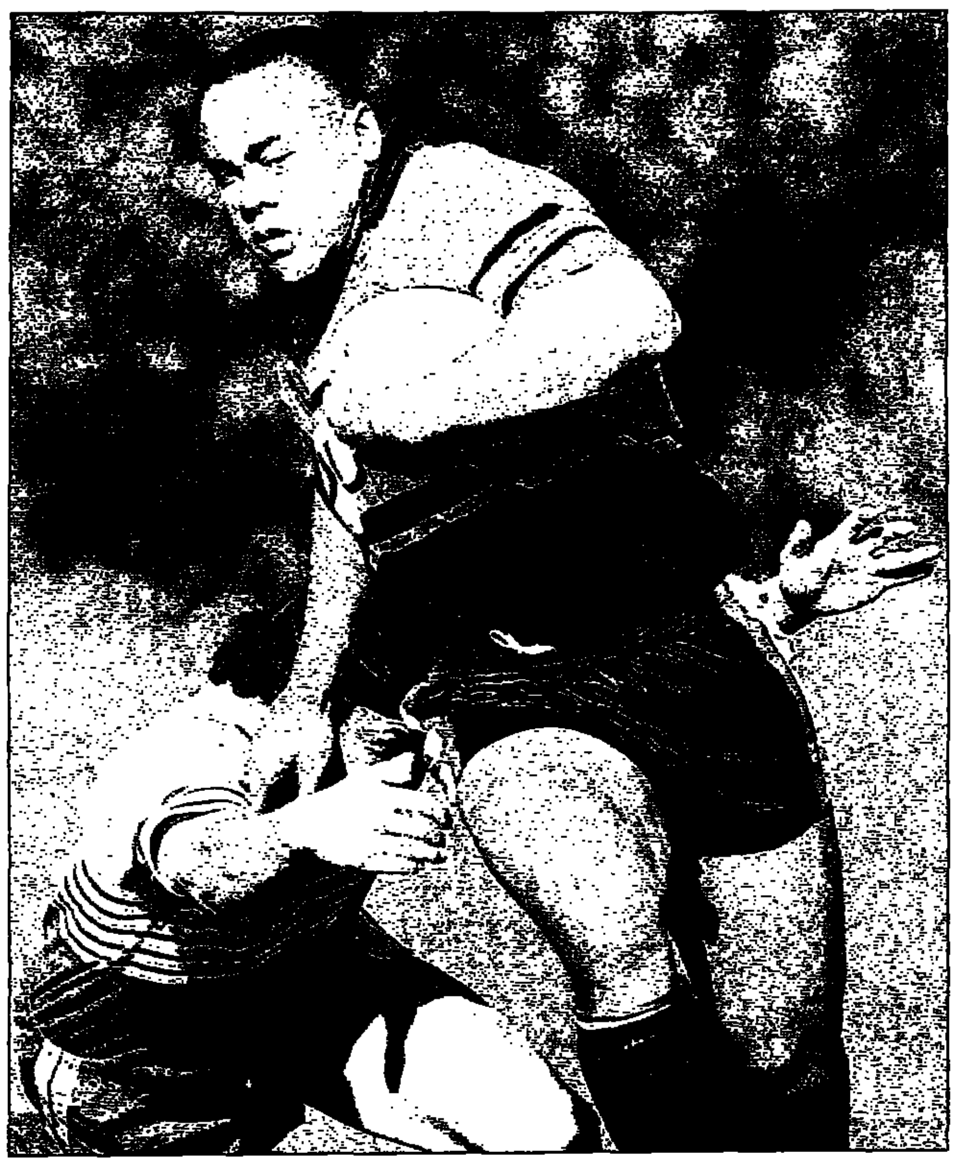
Boroughmuir	43	Stirling County	46
Dundee HSFP	16	Jed-Forest	28
Kelso	27	Biggar	8
Watsonians	10	Kilmarnock	23
West of Scotland	68	Peebles	17

GROUP C. Gordonians 18 Aberdeen GSFP 9 Grangemouth 40 Stewart's Melville FP 12 GROUP D: Hillhead/Jordanhill 8 Selkirk 23, Stewartry 22 Ayr 25.

CLUB MATCH. Glenrothes 8 Glasgow Southern 7

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Canterbury 20 Auckland 9 (in Christchurch), Taranaki 33 Wellington 42 (in New Plymouth), Southland 21 Waikato 29 (in Invercargill), Counties-Manakau 16 Otago 14 (in Pukekohe)

CURRIE CUP: Free State 106 Northern Free State 0 (in Bloemfontein) North West 17 Northern Transvaal 38 (in Potchefstroom) Griqualand West 6 Western Province 30 (in Kimberley); Gauteng Lions 79 Gauteng Falcons 32 (in Johannesburg) Border 22 Boland 40 (in Wellington) Mpumalanga 29 South Western Districts 30 (in Witbank), Eastern Province 26 Natal 57 (in Port Elizabeth)



Jonah Lomu, the New Zealand wing, returned to the rugby union field this weekend after kidney trouble, scoring two tries for Counties' second team

CRICKET

First Test match

Zimbabwe v New Zealand

HARARE (fourth day of five): New Zealand, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 339 runs to beat Zimbabwe

ZIMBABWE: First Innings 298 (G W Flower 104, C L Cairns 5 for 50).

Second Innings

G J Rennie c Harris b O'Connor	57
G W Flower c Fleming b O'Connor	151
†A Flower c Parore b O'Connor	20
G J Whittall run out	4
*A D R Campbell c Fleming b Davis	21
D L Houghton c Davis b Astle	1
P A Strang c Horne b Davis	17
H H Streak run out	0
J A Rennie c and b Astle	16
B C Strang not out	4
Extras (lb 12, nb 8)	20
Total (9 wkts dec)	311

FALL OF WICKETS 1-156, 2-218, 3-231, 4-263, 5-264, 6-290, 7-290, 8-290, 9-311

BOWLING: O'Connor 26-3-73-3. Davis 13-2-45-2; Cairns 9-0-44-0; Vettori 13-2-40-0; Harris 5-3-11-0, Astle 25 5-2-86-2

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

C M Spearman c Campbell b B C Strang	23
B A Pocock run out	21
M J Horne c Whittall b Streak	24
*S P Fleming c A Flower b B C Strang	52
N J Astle c A Flower b B C Strang	7
C L Cairns run out	12
†A C Parore not out	42
C Z Harris lbw b Huckle	16
D L Vettori c J A Rennie b P A Strang	2
S B O'Connor c Houghton b P A Strang	2
H T Davis c G J Rennie b Huckle	1
Extras (b 4, lb 1)	5
Total	207

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-44, 3-89, 4-96, 5-135, 6-147, 7-189, 8-198, 9-204

BOWLING: Streak 23-2-63-1. J A Rennie 8-1-32-0, B C Strang 19-10-29-3, P A Strang 15-2-31-2. Whittall 5-0-15-0, Huckle 14-3-32-2

Second Innings

B A Pocock not out	30
C M Spearman c A Flower b Huckle	33
M J Horne c A Flower b P A Strang	0
*S P Fleming not out	0
Extras (nb 1)	1
Total (2 wkts)	64

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63, 2-64.

BOWLING: Streak 5-1-14-0; B C Strang 6-2-15-0; Whittall 4-1-14-0; P A Strang 4 2-1-8-1, Huckle 2-0-12-1.

Sahara Cup

India v Pakistan

TORONTO (India won toss): India beat Pakistan by seven wickets

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar b Kuruvilla	30
Shahid Afridi c Karim b Mohanty	2
*Ramiz Raja c Karim b Ganguly	20
Ijaz Ahmed c Jadeja b Sodhi	15
Salim Malik c Singh b Ganguly	17
†Moin Khan c Tendulkar b Sodhi	23
Azhar Mahmood not out	33
Saqlain Mushtaq not out	0
Extras (lb 8, w 10, nb 1)	19
Total (6 wkts, 28 overs)	159

Aqib Javed, Shahid Nazir and Mohammad Akram did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-31, 2-46, 3-72, 4-95, 5-107, 6-155

BOWLING: Kuruvilla 6-0-29-1 Mohanty 5-0-35-1, Sodhi 5-0-25-2, Singh 6-0-33-0; Ganguly 6-2-29-2.

INDIA

*S R Tendulkar c Moin b Shahid Nazir	6
S C Ganguly not out	75
R R Singh c Mohammad b Shahid Nazir	16
M Azharuddin c Ijaz b Shahid Nazir	7
A D Jadeja not out	37
Extras (lb 5, w 13, nb 3)	21
Total (3 wkts, 25.3 overs)	162

R S Dravid, V G Kambli, R R Singh, †S S Karim, A P Kuruvilla, D Mohanty and H S Sodhi did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-41, 3-54

BOWLING: Aqib Javed 4 3-0-35-0; Shahid Nazir 6-0-38-3 Mohammad Akram 5-0-27-0 Azhar Mahmood 5-0-25-0; Saqlain Mushtaq 5-0-31-0

Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and R E Koertzen (South Africa)

TOUR MATCH (one day) Sydney: Transvaal 295-7 (D N Crookes 157 not out, N Pothas 55): New South Wales 202-6 (R Chee Quee 92, J Bray 66) Transvaal win on faster run rate

APS TWO COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Copdock and Ols 147 Bury St Edmunds 149-7; Maldon 215-2 Frinton 185-8, Clacton 215-7 Witham 151, Wivenhoe 114 Mistley 115-2

WILLIAM YOUNGER NORTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Askam 99-9 Dalton 39, Barrow 172-8 Cleator 134-5; Carlisle 188-9 Ulverston 94-9; Carnforth 134 Haverigg 23; Whitehaven 207-7 Lindal 209-3, Vickers Sports 95 Millom 96-6, Vickerstown 241-5 Penrith 182-5 (Penrith are champions), Workington 168-9 Furness 147-7

LITTLEWOODS LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE: Birkenhead Park 175-6 Northern 177-3; Bolton 146-7 St Helens 96-7; Colwyn Bay 171-7 Oxton 173-5; Formby 134 Bootle 135-3; Wigan 155 Huyton 126; Neston 205-8 Ormskirk 213-3, Northop Hall 182-8 Liverpool 180-8; New Brighton 207-9 Sefton 210-3, Southport and Birkdale 173-6 Marchwiel 33, Wallasey 184-7 Chester Boughton Hall 208-7; Worsley 134 Hightown 76.

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Fourteenth stage (Oviedo-Col to Naranco Peak, 169.5km) 1, J V Garcia Acosta (Sp, Banesto) 4hr 7min 10sec; 2, M Piccoli (It, Brescialat) at 1:18. 3, B Thibout (Fr, Cofidis) 1:33; 4, M Hvastija (Slovenia, Cantina Tollo) 1 51; 5, D Nelissen (Holl, Rabobank) 2:34 Fifteenth stage (Oviedo to Covadonga Lakes, 159km). 1, P Tonkov (Russia, Mapei-GB) 4hr 3min 55sec; 2, A Zülle (Switz, ONCE) at 18sec, 3, J M Jiménez (Sp, Banesto) 24, 4, F Escartin (Sp, Kelme-Costa Blanca) 28; 5, L Jalabert (Fr, ONCE) 35 Leading positions: 1, Zülle 64hr 57min 55sec, 2, Escartin at 2 min 46sec; 3, L Dufaux (Switz, Lotus) 3:39

LAC DE MADINE, France: Grand Prix des Nations (72km) 1, U Peschel (Ger) 1hr 30min 52sec; 2, M Streel (Bel) at 24sec; 3, C Boardman (GB) 44, 4, E Seigneur (Fr) 53; 5, E Breukink (Holl) at 1min 11sec; 6, J Museeuw (Bel) 1:12; 7, R Virenque (Fr) at 1:54; 8, C Moreau (Fr) at 1:55; 9, G Maignan (Fr) 1:59; 10, P Lance (Fr) at 2min 30sec

OTHER RACES: Tour of the Peak (Buxton, 86 miles): 1, J Tanner (Comtrolware) 3hr 28min 47sec, 2, S Gamble (Comtrolware) at 1:25. 3, J Hunt (Banesto) same time Leading final overall positions: BCF Premier Calendar series: 1, J Tanner 395pts, 2, R Hayles (Team Ambrosia) 222, 3, J Clay (Manchester Phoenix) 202 Moray Firth CC (Foyers, 45 miles): 1, A Wright (Sandy Wallace Cycles) 1:55:26; 2, D McAdam (Cairgorm CC) at 3:06; 3, A Watt (Deeside Thistle) 3:07 Falkirk BC handicap (51 miles): 1, W Barr (Bonnyrigg CC) 2:01.50; 2, R Regan (Falkirk BC) at 9sec, 3, J McQuade (Chryston Wheelers) same time

TIME TRIALS: RTTC circuit series: Final round (Barton-le-Clay, Bedfordshire, 42 miles): 1, M Betfield (Stone Wheelers) 1hr 30min 21sec; 2, R Prebble (Wembley RC) 1:34.52, 3, A Wilkinson (Adidas-SciCon) 1 35 16. Final overall: 1, A Wilkinson 91pts, 2, J Gladwell (Edinburgh BC) 90, 3, D Sweeney (Rockingham Forest Wheelers) 84. Women (21 miles): M Johnson (Team Lusso) 51:27. Leading overall positions: M Johnson 98pts Ulster circuit championship (Nutts Corner, 50 kilometres): 1, I Chivers (Cyprus CC) 1.05:33; 2, J Boone (South Derry Wheelers) 1:06 17; 3, D McCall (Maryland Wheelers) 1:07:33. Other trials: Winners: Elmet CRC (Dishforth, North Yorkshire, 100 miles): H Walker (GS Metro) 3 36:23 Lancashire RC (Garstang, 50 miles) D Perry (Preston Wheelers) 1.56 04 Doncaster Wheelers (Blyth, North Nottinghamshire, 25 miles): G Platts (Coalville Wheelers) 50:04 Redbridge CC (Hatfield Peverel, Essex, 25 miles) A Homer (Leo RC) 50:09 Hull Thursday RC (North Cave, 25 miles) J Wainman (Hull Thursday RC) 52 49 Poole Wheelers (Avon Forest, 25 miles). C Brooks (VC Camelot) 53:01 Norwood Paragon (Crawley, 25 miles): P Watkins (Wembley RC) 54 44 Lyme RC (Stone, Staffordshire, 25 miles): S Hulme (Team Freetown) 54:55. Heron RC (Chudleigh, Devon, 25 miles) A Lyons (Plymouth Corinthian CC) 54:56. Fife Century RC (Freuchie, 25 miles): S Duff (Johnstone Wheelers) 55:03 Great Yarmouth CC (Lowestoft, 25 miles): G Taylor (Leo RC) 57.43. Northampton and District CA (Milton Keynes, 25 miles) G Bickle (Rockingham Forest Wheelers) 1:00:02 GS Corsa (two-up handicap, Garlogie, Grampian, 24 miles): K Jackson and S Pepper (RAF CC) 48:06 Border CA (Bentley, Hampshire, 20 miles): R Prebble (Wembley RC) 43.12. Portsmouth North End CC (Funtington, West Sussex, 10 miles): S Wallace (Harlow CC) 20:32 (course and event record). Venom RT (two-up, Wythall, Worcestershire, 10 miles). A Robson and M Purshouse (Warwickshire RC) 20:39 Crawley Wheelers (Horsham, 10 miles): 1 equal, R Hughes (Clarence Wheelers) and G Stirzaker (Midhurst CRT) 20:58 Bishop's Stortford CC (Audley End, 10 miles): I Cammish (Velo Viento) 21:34. East Liverpool Wheelers (Rainford, 10 miles): L Suthard (Chester RC) 21:36. Withington Wheelers (Chelford, Cheshire 10 miles): S Hulme (Team Freetown) 21.38.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7 30 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership

Liverpool v Aston Villa (8 0)

Vauxhall Conference

Hednesford v Leek (7 45)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester City v Atherstone Southern division: Chelmsford v Tonbridge Angels. Weston-super-Mare v Cinderford.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Hyde v Emley First division: Ashton United v Worksop.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Dagenham and Redbridge v Bromley First division: Bognor Regis v Croydon.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea v Arsenal (at Kingstonian, 7 0)

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Derby v Manchester Utd (7 0). First division: Leicester v Manchester City (7 0) Second division: Lincoln v Sheffield Utd (7 0) Third division: Wigan v Newcastle (7 0).

FA YOUTH CUP: Preliminary round: Louth v Notts County

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British super-featherweight championship (vacant): D McHale (Glasgow) v C Shepherd (Carlisle) (in Glasgow).

RACING: Kempton Park (2.0), Leicester (2.20), Hereford (2 10)

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Poole v Swindon (7 30). Premier League: Glasgow v Oxford (7.30) Northern Trophy: Second leg: Newcastle v Hull (7.30).

TOMORROW

BASKETBALL: European Cup: London Towers v Milan (It) (8 0)

ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Paisley Pirates v Ayr Scottish Eagles (7.30)

RACING: Nottingham (2 15), Plumpton (2.30), Stratford (2.25)

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Bradford v Wolverhampton (7 45)

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Sunderland)

WEDNESDAY

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Leopards v Leicester Riders (7 0)

BOWLS: European team championship (Guernsey)

ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Newcastle Cobras v Manchester Storm (7 0); Nottingham Panthers v Cardiff Devils (7 30); Slough Jets v Basingstoke Bison (8 0) Peterborough Pirates v Bracknell Bees (7.30)

RACING: Chester (2.20), Goodwood (2 0), Perth (2 10)

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: King's Lynn v Peterborough (7 45): Poole v Coventry (7 30). Premier League: Berwick v Newcastle (6 30) Amateur League: Long Eaton and Wolverhampton v Oxford (7 15), Long Eaton and Wolverhampton v Buxton (8 45)

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Sunderland)

THURSDAY

BOWLS: European team championship (Guernsey)

RACING: Goodwood (2 0), Pontefract (2 40), Perth (2.15)

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Ipswich v Poole (7 30); Swindon v Peterborough (7 30) Premier League: Isle of Wight v Newcastle (7 15) Amateur League: Ipswich and King's Lynn v Mildenhall (9 0)

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Sunderland)

FRIDAY

BOWLS: European team championship (Guernsey)

RACING: Folkestone (2.10), Haydock Park (2 30), Redcar (2.20).

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Belle Vue v Swindon (7 30). Peterborough v Poole (7.30). Premier League pairs championship (in Oxford, 7 45)

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Sunderland).

SATURDAY

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

HEINEKEN CUP: Pool A: Leicester v Leinster Pool B: Ulster v Swansea (at Ravenhill, 2 30) Pool C: Bath v Scottish Borders: Pontypridd v Brive (2 15) Pool D: Bourgoin v Harlequins (5 05); Munster v Cardiff Pool E: Treviso v Caledonia (2 0).

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE: Pool A: Bristol v Ebbw Vale (2 0) Pool B: Newport v Montferrand (2 0); Sale v Montpellier Pool C: London Irish v Dax Pool D: Bègles-Bordeaux v Northampton (7 0). Connacht v Nice (2 30) Pool E: Bridgend v Richmond (6 0) Pool F: Toulon v Gloucester (tba). Pool G: Biarritz v Edinburgh (tba): Perpignan v Newcastle (tba) Pool H: Castres v Saracens (tba); Narbonne v Neath (tba)

ALLIED DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP: Second division: Coventry v Bedford; Fylde v Rotherham: London Scottish v Orrell. Moseley v Exeter; Waterloo v Blackheath; West Hartlepool v Wakefield

JEWSON NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Harrogate v Reading; Leeds v Morley: London Welsh v Nottingham; Newbury v Lydney; Otley v Liverpool St Helens; Rosslyn Park v Worcester. Wharfedale v Rugby Second division north: Hinckley v Nuneaton; Lichfield v Aspatria; Manchester v Kendal: Preston Grasshoppers v Birmingham/Solihull Sedgley Park v Walsall, Stourbridge v Sheffield Winnington Park v Sandal Second division south: Bridgwater v Camberley; Cheltenham v Henley; Clifton v Havant. Esher v Barking; North Walsham v Tabard; Redruth v Plymouth: Weston-super-Mare v Metropolitan Police.

WELSH LEAGUE: First division; Aberavon v Merthyr (2 0); Abertillery v Bonymaen (2 0), Dunvant v Caerphilly (2 0), Llandovery v Blackwood (2 0); Pontypool v Rumney (2 0); South Wales Police v Newbridge (2 0), Treorchy v Cross Keys (2.0); Cardiff Institute v Maesteg (2.0).

SRU LEAGUE TROPHY: Group A: Hawick v Glasgow Hawks, Heriot's FP v Currie. Kirkcaldy v Edinburgh Academicals: Musselburgh v Melrose; Preston Lodge v Gala. Group B: Biggar v Watsonians. Dundee HSFP v Boroughmuir, Jed-Forest v Stirling County; Peebles v Kilmarnock, West of Scotland v Kelso

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Crystal Palace v Manchester (7.30): Derby v Chester (7.30), Leicester v London Towers (7 30), Birmingham v Newcastle (7.30): Watford v Leopards (7.30) Thames Valley v Worthing (8 0)

BOWLS: European team championship (Guernsey)

ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Sheffield Steelers v Ayr Scottish Eagles (7 0), Telford Tigers v Paisley Pirates (7 30). Nottingham Panthers v Slough Jets (7 0); Basingstoke Bison v Bracknell Bees (6 30)

RACING: Ascot (2 0), Catterick (2 10). Haydock Park (2 30), Market Rasen (2 35), Worcester (2 25)

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Swindon v Coventry (7 30) Premier League: Berwick v Sheffield (6.30): Stoke v Edinburgh (7.30) Challenge: Arena Essex v Newport (8 0) Amateur League: Mildenhall v Buxton (7 30)

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Sunderland)

SUNDAY

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN CUP: Pool B: Wasps v Glasgow (3 0) Pool E: Llanelli v Pau (2 15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES PREMIERSHIP: Final: St Helens v Sheffield Eagles or Wigan Warriors (tba)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Sheffield v Derby (6 0); London Towers v Watford (5 0)

EQUESTRIANISM: Horse of the Year Show (at Wembley)

ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Ayr Scottish Eagles v Telford Tigers (6 30). Manchester Storm v Newcastle Cobras (6 0); Paisley Pirates v Sheffield Steelers (6 30). Bracknell Bees v Peterborough Pirates (6 0). Cardiff Devils v Nottingham Panthers (6 0).

MOTORCYCLING: British superbike championship (at Donington Park).

RACING: Ascot (2 0). Brighton (2.30). Nottingham (3 0). Stratford (2 10).

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Sunderland)

SCHOOLS SPORT

Rugby union

Abingdon 9 Marlborough 31: Ashville 50 Prince Henry's, Otley 0; Beechen Cliff 67 St Lawrence, Ramsgate 7: Bedford 10 Dulwich 41; Bedford Modern 39 Berkhamsted 8: Bishop's Stortford College 27 Ipswich 10. Bloxham 11 Bromsgrove 58, Bradford GS 35 Sedbergh 15: Brighton 12 Christ's Hospital 6, Canford 44 King's, Bruton 7, Caterham 0 Reigate GS 65, Chichester HS 3 Hurstpierpoint 15, Colfe's 0 John Fisher 33, Dean Close 27 Bournside 17. Denstone 49 Rossall 5; Eastbourne 37 King's, Canterbury 7; Eltham 20 Judd 10; Epsom Coll 18 Harrow 20; Exeter 16 Plymouth 49; Felsted 35 Cooper's Coborn 7; Haberdashers' Aske's 8 Merchant Taylor's, Northwood 6, Haileybury 20 Sevenoaks 10; Hereford Cathedral 0 Christ's, Brecon 26; Hymers 38 Pocklington 0; King's 16 Hampton 36; King's, Macclesfield 67 King Edward's, Aston 12, King's, Taunton 36 Downside 6; Kirkham GS 67 Ermysted's GS 3; Loughborough 22 Bablake 3; Merchiston Castle 15 Edinburgh Academy 19; Millfield 43 Bristol GS 10: Mill Hill 13 UCS 19; Nottingham HS 35 Solihull 15. Oundle 22 Oakham 3, Pangbourne 20 Radley 14; Reading 6 St George's, Weybridge 21. RGS Guildford 10 RGS High Wycombe 15: Royal Hospital 18 Norwich 0; St Albans 17 St Ignatius 0, St Anselm's 0 Stonyhurst 39; St John's, Leatherhead 62 Worth 13; St Paul's 21 Cranleigh 14: Stockport GS 38 Newcastle-under-Lyme 19, Stowe 8 Uppingham 35. Taunton 3 Kelly 8. Tonbridge 22 Sherborne 17. Wellington (Somerset) 5 Queen's, Taunton 5; Whitgift 16 Trinity 14: Woodbridge 35 Colchester RGS 17.

Football

FUJI FILM TROPHY: First round: South East Sussex 4 Maidstone 3: Hackney 0 Blackheath 5 North West Alder Cup: Final: Manchester 0 Wirral 1 Humberside Cup: Hull 8 Grimsby 2 Northern Merit League: Huddersfield 1 Leeds 3 Inter-association: Doncaster 3 Mansfield 5, Chesterfield 2 Sheffield 4, Barnsley 1 Derby 1; Gosport and Fareham 0 Portsmouth 0; Chester 3 Macclesfield 0, Blackpool 5 Rochdale 3

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Edward Fennell reports on the improvements that companies achieve when their staff are encouraged to become fully involved in their work

Standard bearers who lift productivity

Do you feel bored at work? Are your skills not utilised to the full? Are you rarely appreciated and frequently left in the dark about what your organisation is doing?

If so, you are not alone. A survey launched today to mark the start of Investors in People Week reveals that one in four British workers is bored, demotivated and feels "stressed out".

This is a serious problem that employers should not simply shrug off. Bored workers tend to be inefficient and are prone to leave their posts prematurely. The cost of this in lost productivity and recruitment costs is almost incalculable. Rather than being an asset, a semi-detached employee can become a liability who has an adverse effect on quality, customer care and teamwork.

So what is the answer? The survey, *The Cost of Boredom v the Value of Motivation*, suggests that most staff want to feel more involved in their work and more engaged with their employer. Encouraging greater creativity and participation would yield important improvements. Productivity would increase while the number of sick days taken, personal phone calls made and staff leaving prematurely would fall.

In other words, there are real prizes to be won by employers who can switch on their workforce to its full potential.

The aim of Investors in People Week, which will be marked by events all around the country, is to get this message across and to alert more employers (as well as employees) to the benefits of the Investors in People Standard as a key way to achieve a highly motivated staff.

Launched five years ago with the backing of a wide cross-section of British industry, the Investors in People Standard is designed as a benchmark of good practice for improving organisations' performance through their employees. Organisations aiming to be recognised as having met the required standard must be independently assessed on the clarity of their business objectives, the quality of their internal communications and the effectiveness of their staff training and development.

Chapman: thinking small

The latest figures show that well over 7,000 employers have now achieved the standard — double the number of organisations which were recognised this time last year. Altogether, 30 per cent of the national workforce is now employed by organisations committed to or achieving the standard.

But there is still a long way to go, according to Mary Chapman, the chief executive of Investors in People UK (the organisation which acts as custodian of the standard).

"We are now focusing particularly on the need to involve more smaller organisations and have recently launched a new toolkit, *Building a Better Business*, specifically with smaller employers in mind," she says.

The new Government has already shown itself to be a strong supporter of the standard.

Dr Kim Howells, the Minister for Lifelong Learning, has endorsed the move for larger recognised organisations to encourage their suppliers to follow their example.

"It is all part of the changing ethos in business," Ms Chapman says. "There is a move away from a confrontational relationship between suppliers and customers, towards one of co-operation. We are already seeing, in the engineering and motor industries, the benefits of partnership between companies in gaining Investors in People recognition."

The rise in the number of "recognised" blue-chip companies has been particularly striking. All or part of Unilever, NatWest, Bass Taverns, KPMG and Cadbury Schweppes, for example, now have Investors in People plaques on their walls.

Meanwhile, there is a growing interest among banks in using the Investors in People Standard as an ingredient in the way they value and judge an organisation's performance. A recent survey of finance directors illustrated that even the most hard-nosed now regards Investors in People as an important contributor to profitability.

What really pleases Ms Chapman, however, is that the standard is now being seen as a tool to help businesses to address some of the key challenges they face. She says: "During Investors in People Week you'll see a very broad range of organisations getting involved in a vast array of activities. Investors in People is relevant to the whole community."

How the people factor can help

Amanda Loose reports on how a business group won an IIP award and improved its organisation

Business in the Community (BIC), a non-profitmaking organisation based in Northern Ireland which encourages the private sector to forge closer links with the community, won its Investors in People (IIP) award in [illegible]. It then had 20 staff, based in Belfast, Derry, Enniskillen and Banbridge, but now employs 30.

As a veteran of the scheme, BIC knows that the award has helped it to make great changes in the organisation as well as recognising the need continually to re-evaluate training procedures.

Patricia O'Rourke of BIC in Belfast says: "Last summer we set out a three-year plan setting targets for ourselves and for the organisation. If we had not taken part in the award, it would have been much harder to do this. People were clearer about what their roles were and where they fitted into the organisation.

"But we know there are some things we will have to look at before our next assessment, such as the effectiveness of our evaluation of training. We have grown and our needs have changed, and we need to ensure that we are communicating effectively with our regional offices."

When it started the IIP scheme, BIC was keen to devise a system to bring together the various training schemes that it already ran.

Ms O'Rourke says: "We had bits and pieces all over the place, good training such as job shadowing and people on courses, and degrees we assisted financially. But the problem was that we weren't bringing them all together. We have many different contracts on the go at the same time, some long and some short-term, and we needed a training system so that no matter how long someone was with a company, they would be able to get to know it quickly."

The organisation drafted in a secondee from the Nationwide Building Society with experience of the award. Nationwide identified weak areas and reviewed the appraisal system, which was inconsistent in some places and not user-friendly.

Ms O'Rourke says: "We wanted to be sure we were fulfilling all criteria and that people were not doing the same thing. We gave people a personal target, asking what their aspirations were and how we could train them.

"We set a training budget, revised the number of meetings we held and introduced a form so we could obtain continuous feedback. Staff were also given the opportunity to enrol on NVQs, and we held a workshop to let them know what was involved.."

> 'We asked staff about their aspirations and how we could train them'

Labour's secret election weapon

How modernising a political machine paid off

IT was a tale of two parties, *Edward Fennell writes*. The Conservatives are now committed to becoming Investors in People but a Central Office spokesperson said last week: "We obviously couldn't do anything about it before the election. It couldn't be a priority at that time."

Labour, meanwhile, under the management of Tom Sawyer, its general secretary, had given achievement of the IIP standard a central position in the drive to modernise the party's political machine. The rest, as they say, is history.

The lessons are not being lost on the new administration. There is none so enthusiastic as the recently converted and Labour ministers now make frequent references to the contribution the standard made to the smooth running of their election campaign.

Speaking to senior executives from companies such as British Aerospace, Vauxhall Motors, Barclays and KPMG in June, Dr Kim Howells singled out IIP for the contribution it had made to Labour efforts. And Tony Blair also made reference to it a fortnight ago during his referendum campaign visit to Scotland.

The drive by Mr Sawyer to modernise the Labour party administratively complemented the efforts by Peter Mandelson to centralise politically. The enormous effort, for example, that went into fundraising and telephone canvassing could work only if it was professionally managed and delivered through people who knew exactly what they were doing.

Traditionally, the Labour Party had not been well-managed. As one experienced insider observed: "I've seen generations of badly trained managers badly training other managers."

In the heat of political idealism, the need for managerial and technical competence could easily be overlooked. Mr Sawyer insisted on the need for competence at all levels.

All the rules of good practice embodied by the IIP standard were embraced so that internal communications improved dramatically, people clearly understood their roles and were given the skills to accomplish the job.

When it came to the IIP assessment, even Mr Blair was given a grilling by the assessor, Mike Taylor, who later commented: "It became clear to me that the 'culture change' described in the Investors in People portfolio flowing from the appointment of Mr Sawyer as general secretary was now a reality and that it has produced remarkable changes within the Labour Party organisation."

Among other organisations inspired by Labour's success is the TUC, which has now achieved the standard, and the CBI.

SIMON WALKER

Tom Sawyer with the Prime Minister at the 1996 Labour Party Conference

RICHARD LEA-HAIR

Claire Phillips, left, instructs a fellow worker at Lunn Poly in Leamington Spa, where IIP has been a factor in improving productivity

Lunn Poly travelling right

Amanda Loose on how Investors in People provides an extra edge

As the travel industry heated up, Lunn Poly was looking for something which would set it apart from its rivals.

Personnel director Claire Phillips had read about Investors In People in the personnel trade press, and had seen that respected names such as Rover, TNT and Jaguar had been involved in the scheme.

Ms Phillips says: "We wanted something which would give us an edge, as everyone in the travel industry seems so similar. An Investors in People Award would be an external endorsement.

"I thought that such an award would help recruitment, appealing to potential candidates, and that it would clarify staff roles and training initiatives."

Lunn Poly committed itself to the scheme about 18 months ago. Since it has some 6,000 staff and 800 holiday shops nationwide, much of the initial work was done from the centre. A steering committee, including Ms Phillips, the managing director, and the customer services manager was set up, along with a working party to establish what the Investors in People criteria were.

Its research made Lunn Poly happy to commit itself to the scheme. Ms Phillips says: "We would not have done it if working towards an Investors in People award had interrupted our daily work practices, but it was a tool to help us to make changes.

"You have to be hot on training to survive in the travel industry. Our staff realised this, but they did not necessarily see the training as development for their future. There were some glaring holes at head office. The shops all come under the control of one person, so it was easier to co-ordinate them than to co-ordinate the 350 staff at head office.

"There was no cohesion of best practices and applying them across the board. We also found that the evaluation of training was not always thorough — and although we ran many schemes, we were not sure whether they were working." It was a hard task to introduce consistency and to standardise appraisals across the board, but many issues came to light along the way.

"We decided to introduce a training and development plan for each member of staff, from the managing director to the modern apprentice," says Ms Phillips. "Each one sets out Lunn Poly's mission and aims so that we were all going in the right direction. We also have fortnightly communication and development sessions, where we discuss progress.

"The plan is a log and also a charter for staff, outlining their roles and what is expected, and emphasising our commitment to training them. The plan includes information on the minimum standards we expect for our shops, and what staff need to know."

Lunn Poly runs focus forums to obtain feedback from staff on training and morale, and also uses questionnaires. A pilot for a scheme to train shop managers to be assessors for NVQs went well, so Lunn Poly tried to implement it across the company, but abandoned it after feedback showed that it was not working. "Two years ago we would not have had that feedback in place, so we would have carried on," says Ms Phillips.

"We went through blood, sweat and tears for Investors in People on a couple of occasions, so we know it is a high standard," she says. "There is a prestige value, and it has put us back on track to save timewasting and to direct training, putting us on course for more changes.

"Our staff are our most important asset, and the company is nothing without them. We can give them the tools to do the job. We have had a 1[illegible] per cent growth in business this year."

Software firm plugs in to success

Silicon Glen personnel get connected to make sure they stay ahead in the race for future prosperity

SPEKTRA Systems is based in Silicon Glen, the heart of the Scottish computer industry. It is a small, dynamic software company which illustrates why the Scots are so confident about their economic health after the parliament Referendum. *Edward Fennell writes.*

Gordon Stuart, the managing director, was delighted at the outcome of the referendum, believing that it gives a fresh impetus to business in Scotland. But he was also delighted at the contribution the Investors in People standard is making to the growth of Spektra.

"As a management buyout, Spektra spun off from a larger company a couple of years ago," says Mr Stuart. "We had many good systems in place. But we were concerned that we shouldn't slacken. So we were interested in investigating external standards which might help us".

Mr Stuart had no real knowledge of what Investors in People meant until his local enterprise company alerted him to it.

"As soon as I looked at the standard, I thought it was fantastic. Its ethos fitted in well with our philosophy and it was not too prescriptive.

"Nineteen of the 20 people in the company have university degrees," he adds, "so they expect to keep up their education and to have their skills developed continuously. What we value about Investors in People is that it gives us a system by which we can do this".

But it is not just about nurturing skills. It is also about not losing them.

Spektra knows that it needs to give its young employees a strong incentive to remain with the company in an area where alternative jobs are easy to find. Investors in People is one of the mechanisms that Gordon Stuart and his colleagues used to retrain and motivate the young staff.

Because of the inherited systems, Spektra was not starting from scratch as it moved towards the standard. All that was required was to refine existing systems.

"The most important change we made was in planning for people's training," says Mr Stuart. "We became much more detailed and specific about what each person needed and, therefore, what we wanted from a training course."

Investors in People is honing the cutting edge at Spektra. At a time of great new opportunities, that is a very reassuring attribute.

BASIC PRINCIPLES

THE Investors in People standard is based on four principles. An Investor in People:

- **Makes a public commitment from the top to develop all employees to achieve its business objectives.**
- **Regularly reviews the training and development needs of all employees.**
- **Takes action to train and develop individuals on recruitment and throughout their employment.**
- **Evaluates the investment in training and development to assess achievement and improve future effectiveness.**

Further information on the Investors in People standard and how to achieve it is available on the Internet. You will find it at http://www.iipuk.co.uk

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Hair today, here tomorrow: Nigel Lewis discovered that investing in people pays off at the Kudos hairdressing salon in Pontypridd

Where training is cut and dried

A friendly hairdressing salon is one of the smallest companies to receive the IIP award

Kudos, a hairdressing salon in Wales, was one of the smaller businesses to gain an Investors in People Award, so Nigel Lewis and his ten staff there were delighted by their success. *Amanda Loose writes.*

Mr Lewis believes that hairdressing is often seen as a job that people take up if they cannot do anything else. But, he says: "The training systems we were trying to install for staff through IIP were something which they could look at, and see that they could be serious about furthering their careers. I thought such an award would present a professional image to staff and customers alike, and also enable us to recruit more trainees, who were hard to find."

Mr Lewis and his team at Talbot Green in Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan, decided to try for the award at the end of 1995, and spent some eight months completing the IIP criteria. Although he admits there was a fair amount of paperwork involved for a small company, the staff worked together as a team, which was all good practice.

"We are a growing business," he says, "and although we had several training programmes. One of our main concerns was to tighten up these systems, particularly our induction and assessment procedures which were perhaps not structured correctly.

"We received much support from the advisers Dutton Jones, who came out and gave us an insight into what we needed to do, and the information we needed to collate. They said that I knew where the business was going but needed to feed this information down the system more."

One of the major changes Mr Lewis made was in appointing a training co-ordinator, equipped with a "training champion" qualification, who now oversees Kudos's budget for training and the sort of training required, and assesses the needs of individual staff. Customer care is also vital to the business, so Mr Lewis also employs a client coordinator with an NVQ Level 3 in customer care.

The induction process for trainees was something else Mr Lewis wanted to change. Recruits used to be shown how to complete certain tasks as and when they came to them. Now, he explains, they have a structured programme supervised by their predecessor in the job, which means that person's memory is refreshed at the same time.

He adds: "Employees feel they are part of a salon which is moving forward, and that the award is a starting point for us. We have recently installed a computer system, which will include a database of customers as well as information about staff, so we can analyse the strengths and weaknesses and the progress of members of staff."

Teamwork gets it taped

Amanda Loose looks at a famous weaving company and its experience of the Investors In People scheme

J&J CASH, familiar to many mothers who have spent hours sewing name-tapes into their children's school uniforms, won an Investors In People award earlier this year. Established in 1846, the Coventry-based company, which also makes clothing labels for companies such as Marks & Spencer and Next, employs around 150 staff, many of whom have been with the company for many years.

"We committed to the Investors In People scheme about two years ago," says John Rutter, the managing director. "We felt it offered a very good framework to ensure that we developed and trained our staff properly as our needs changed over the years.

"Technology and markets are changing all the time. The emphasis on training increases with every new challenge which arises these days, and having the right people with the right skills is more and more important.

"We are a very specialist sort of manufacturer and we have to look after our own training. We can't pull in people from the street who are experts in narrow-label weaving."

The company wanted to work out a proper training plan formalising existing programmes, to introduce new schemes and to look at the objectives which would then be fed down the organisation.

"We worked through our existing training structure with advice from the then Coventry and Warwickshire Training and Enterprise Council, and got input from training videos and other companies who had already embarked on Investors in People," says Mr Rutter.

"Much of it was formalising what we were actually doing, although in a more structured way, but there was some injection of new ideas."

The company formalised the training and development interviews which it has with each member of staff at least once a year. Although some managers were a little nervous about these formal interviews, training is available in assessment. Although it is early days to see the concrete benefits, Mr Rutter is confident of success.

"There is nothing like building on the skills of loyal employees — and retraining them is a valuable asset," he says.

"Investors in People is not a finishing line for us, but it has set us up to start a major training programme part-funded by the Chamber of Commerce, which will transform the business into a team-working organisation. It will emphasise problem-solving skills and so on."

MIKE SCOTT

Staff at J&J Cash make the name-tapes familiar to thousands of parents

Edward Fennell on how the assessors face their task

Appraisal with a friendly face

THE assessment process is the moment of truth for organisations seeking Investors in People status. To test whether the standard has been reached, assessors crawl comprehensively over organisations, interviewing staff at all levels from the most senior executives to the mailroom staff to check the substance of their evidence.

Assessors with Investors in People UK are quick to point out, however, that this is no clinical exercise — it is not a driving test. Bill Donnelly, a member of the National Assessment Centre (NAC) team which works with large, national organisations, emphasises the need for assessment to have value and benefits in its own right for the organisation under scrutiny.

He says: "I regard the assessment as being a process of dialogue in which people have a chance to express their views to the assessor and are stimulated to think more deeply about their jobs and their skills."

Mr Donnelly, like the rest of his NAC colleagues, has enjoyed an extensive career at senior levels in companies such as Unilever and Alcan. He brings his experience to bear on the organisations he assesses.

He says: "You need to have a feel for the structural issues facing these companies linked to political sensibilities, and a grasp of the implications for line management."

Extensive feedback is provided to the organisation both orally and in a written report. As well as discussing ther extent to which the standard has been satisfied, the report will provide some analysis of the organisation's strengths and weaknesses.

Mr Donnelly says: "If organisations are not recognised at the first assessment, they often find the assessor's report extremely valuable because it tells management things about their organisation that they otherwise might never learn."

Investors in People UK is determined that potential candidates must not be put off by too much bureaucracy. It is giving serious thought to how it might cooperate with other bodies, such as the British Standards Institute, to avoid unnecessary duplication while maintaining IIP's distinctive benefits.

Your people are your most valuable asset

Edward Fennell reports on the changing attitudes of today's companies towards treating their employees as partners in enterprise

Last week the Government used the "Managing Change" conference in Westminster to launch an important report which underlined the contribution that Investors in People is making to improvements in British business, *Edward Fennell writes.*

Competitiveness through Partnerships with People provides a tool-kit to help companies understand the importance of the "people dimension" to business success and to build on good practice. In introducing the report, the Industry Minister, John Battle, said: "To some ears the focus on 'people issues' may sound idealistic and soft. It isn't. To those who have been through it, this is a tough agenda and one which requires very real skills of leadership."

The theme of *Partnerships with People* is that the most powerful resource for change, improved performance and competitive advantage is the people already in the organisation. The challenging question is how that resource can be released.

According to businessman Nigel Crouch, who worked with the DTI in developing the report, the findings of the research showed that the Investors in People Standard was now frequently being used as a practical support by successful companies. "A number of highly innovatory companies that we spoke to were already recognised as Investors in People and had found the standard to be valuable," Mr Crouch said, adding that IIP UK, along with other organisations, was now helping to drive forward messages of key significance for the future of British industry.

As one experienced manager commented recently: "At first I was nervous about what the Investor in People Standard would require, but when I looked at it in detail, my apprehensions disappeared. It was really just a matter of applied common sense."

Applied common sense it might be, but it also depends upon a positive managerial outlook. This was summed up by the *Partnerships with People* report as being a willingness to bring their employees into closer working relationships with senior management and to "share" with them a number of key aspects of the business.

In particular, the report highlighted the need to share goals, culture, learning, effort and information. In the absence of these, the workforce is not likely to be fully motivated or its potential fully realised.

One of the organisations specifically singled out by the report as embodying these characteristics is Leyland Trucks. The company emerged from a management buy-out from DAF BV, and had a history of going from one crisis to another. Now, under the new managerial regime, it has achieved recognition as an Investor in People and is widely applauded for providing an excellent example of how the standard should be applied.

The company achieves the lowest cost of any European truckmaker and has become the UK's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer. As its chief executive, John Oliver, commented recently: "In the 1980s we invested an enormous amount in technology with little result. Now we emphasise employee commitment, teamwork, slim organisational structure and effective communications."

By going for these "soft" indicators, however, the company has not gone soft. As Nigel Crouch points out, the companies which successfully implement these changes all have a hard edge to them. The Investors in People Standard is rooted in ensuring that the process of personal development should be focused by the business needs of the organisation. Leyland Trucks achieved this by "building high-quality trucks through high-quality people".

In taking forward the messages of Partnerships with People, Nigel Crouch has emphasised the strength of the co-operation which now exists between the DTI, the Department for Education and Employment and Investors in People UK. Other active partners include the TUC, CBI, the Institute of Directors and the TEC National Council.

For TECs the report will provide a valuable additional weapon as they aim to switch on a growing number of organisations to achieve the standard. Collectively, the TECs have been set a target by the Government of getting 70 per cent of all organisations employing 200 or more employees, and 35 per cent of those employing 50 or more, to be recognised as Investors in People by the year 2000.

Although a couple of years ago these were viewed as being tough objectives, the current momentum suggests that they are achievable.

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4,976.40	Allied Domecq	478½	+ 18	5.7	14.4
215.20	Bulmer (HP)	407½	+ 7½	4.5	11.4
27.60	Burn Stewart	46½		9.1	11.8
132.60	Glenmorangie A	975		1.7	24.1
12,565.00	Grand Metr	595½	+ 21	3.2	19.1
10,915.50	Guinness	576	+ 21½	3.5	16.4
390.20	Highland Dist	292½	- 5	3.6	13.7
210.20	Matthew Clark†	237½	+ 19	12.8	7.1
6.59	Merrydown Wf	60½		6.4	14.9
5,192.30	SA Breweries	1762½		2.2	

BANKS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
17,771.50	ABN-AMRO	1278½	+ 71½	2.6	17.7
12,644.50	Abbey Natl	895½	+ 54	3.9	14.7
3,876.10	Alliance & Leicst	666	+ 16	3.1	15.6
4,390.40	Allied Irish	519	- 10½	3.5	14.7
7,422.70	Aus New Z	497½	+ 36	3.8	
37,535.90	Bank America	4803½	- 75		
6,629.00	Bank Scotland	452	+ 23	2.3	13.7
22,367.40	Barclays†	1515	+ 89½	2.8	14.4
3,537.80	Bk of Ireland	724	+ 3	2.7	16.0
40,237.00	Citicorp	8329½	- 416½		
6,972.10	Commerzbk	1700	- 3½	2.8	
20,994.40	Dai Ichi Kan	698½	- 38½	0.7	..
19,780.40	Deutsche Bk	3868½	+ 131½	1.6	
504.30	Espirito Santo	1275	+ 3½	2.9	
13,844.40	Fuji Bank Y	685	- 31½	0.6	
[illegible]	HSBC†	1948½	+ 25	3.0	15.8
[illegible]	HSBC HK	1870½	+ 32½	3.1	15.2
19,195.00	Halifax	724½	+ 7½	2.6	24.4
985.50	Irish Perm	565	- 5	2.7	15.6
41,172.00	Lloyds TSB†	764	+ 49	2.3	22.3
14,667.90	Nat Aust Bk	990½	+ 92½	4.1	13.7
14,963.10	Nat West†	873½	+ 32	4.3	13.8
5,471.10	Ryl Bk Scot	632½	+ 7	[illegible]	13.6
8,750.10	Stand Chart†	832½		3	14.5
16,061.10	Wells Fargo	£164½			
5,862.20	Westpac	386½	+ 25	3.8	
5,168.00	Woolwich†	323	+ 11½	3.1	19.1

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
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35.80	Caverdale†	133½		3.6	7.7
30.60	Charles Sidney	73½	+ 4½	5.5	10.3
20.10	Cook (DC)†	48½	+ 1	6.5	6.2
20.50	Dag Motors	105½	+ 8	9.7	6.7
18.10	Dennans El	102½		3.4	9.4
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29.40	Harris (Philip)†	265	- 1½	4.7	10.2
223.70	Headlam	329½	+ 2	2.3	19.8
6.60	Holders Tech	165		4.9	13.5
61.60	ISA Intl	149½	- 2	2.5	11.7
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7.29	Jacks (Wm)	67½	+ 3	4.7	8.5
549.30	Kwik-Fit	310½	+ 23½	2.4	16.9
517.40	Lex Service	453½		4.5	13.6
33.40	Lookers†	100	- ½	10.0	7.1
64.00	Middlesex	8	+ ½	1.6	14.0
8.14	Mossitte	15½	+ ½	3.9	
29.50	Nortrant	271	+ 40	3.9	9.2
56.30	Northamber	165	+ 19	1.1	9.8
227.70	Parity	315	- ½	3.2	16.6
163.90	Pendragon	269½		4.7	11.9
47.10	Perry Gp	179	+ ½	6.6	7.8
1,436.80	Premier Farnell	529	+ 1½	2.8	19.6
32.00	Quadis Group†	137½		6.8	8.6
28.80	REA†	317	- 8	1.6	39.1
2.66	Reeco	1½			50.2
15.20	Ronson	17	- 1	1.8	
3.69	Ross Gp	2½			
25.60	Ryland†	98	- ½	5.7	8.5
25.60	SEP Indl†	26½	- ½	7.4	12.1
6.96	Saltire	26½		5.7	
157.70	Time Products	291	- 3	5.2	11.1
28.00	Trust Motor Grp	186½	- 1	7.6	8.1
52.40	UNEDO	334	+ 5½	2.1	21.7
106.20	United Oseas Gp	89	+ 2		19.3
161.90	Vardy (Reg)†	283½	+ 1	3.3	13.5
86.10	WF Elect†	590	- ½	3.2	20.2
27.60	Wolstant	29½	+ ½	3.6	8.3
104.80	Wyko	149½	- 1	2.5	
34.80	Young (H)	156	+ 1	3.4	13.2

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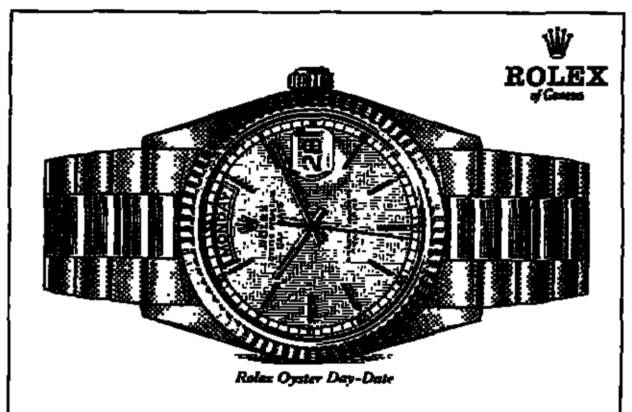

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Alexon, Bemrose Corporation, Caldwell Investment, Card Clear, Chelsfield, Cussins Property, Dinkie Heel, Eurotunnel, Ibstock, Innovative Technology, Peptide Therapeutics, Pex, Rugby Group, Swan Hill, Transtec, T&S Stores, VCI. **Finals**: Beazer Group, Community Hospitals, Ivernia West, McBride, A&J Mucklow Group. **Economic statistics**: No UK data scheduled for release, US Treasury August budget statement, EU agriculture ministers' meeting (continues tomorrow).

TOMORROW

Interims: Arcolectric, Britton Group, BSM Group, Guinness, Hodder Headline, Metalrax Group, Proudfoot, Rutland Trust, Secure Trust Group, Simon Group, Tarmac, Vanguard Medica, Wolstenholme Rink. **Finals**: Freeport Leisure, Headway, PizzaExpress. **Economic statistics**: UK final GDP (second quarter), UK balance of payments (second quarter), Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors August house price survey, Bank of England auctions 2001-02 gilts, World Bank and International Monetary Fund annual meetings open in Hong Kong, Bank of England auctions 2001-02 gilts.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Aquarius, Brake Bros, Horace Clarkson, Hatpin, Ryan Hotels, Scotia Holdings, Spandex, Springwood, United Carriers Group. **Finals**: Barratt Developments, Minerva, Regent Inns, Southern Newspapers. **Economic statistics**: No UK data scheduled for release, World Bank and International Monetary Fund annual meetings in Hong Kong, French 1998 budget.

THURSDAY

Interims: Avis Europe, Charles Baynes, EW Fact, Hewden-Stuart, HR Owen, More Group, Oliver Group, Pemberstone, Redland, Sears. **Finals**: BZW Endowment Fund II, Premium Trust, Renishaw. **Economic statistics**: UK global trade (July), non-EU trade (August), UK harmonised CPI (August), Bank of England to auction 8 per cent 2021 gilts.

FRIDAY

Interims: Breedon, Clinton Cards, Country Casuals, Electrophoretics. **Finals**: Guardian Media Group, Toad. **Economic statistics**: British Bankers Association monthly mortgage lending (end-August).

COMPANIES

MICHAEL CLARK

Sterling leaves Guinness flat

GUINNESS: If Guinness has its way, these are likely to be the last interim figures that the drinks and leisure group will report as a separate company. Guinness is pressing ahead with its proposed £24 billion merger with Grand Metropolitan despite fierce opposition from other drinks companies and its associate, LVMH, whose chairman is Bernard Arnault.

According to NatWest Securities, the broker, the group is likely to produce a small downturn in pre-tax profits from £357 million to £353 million. Earnings per share will benefit from last year's buyback and show a 5 per cent improvement to 12.9p.

Despite evidence of an upturn in the underlying spirits business, the strong pound will have made a dent in profits. Spirits, making up almost 70 per cent of operating profits, is likely to have experienced a 2 per cent decline in both sales and profits because of an estimated £24 million dent from currency translation. After stripping out currency factors, underlying growth is of the order of 4 per cent.

The brewing side will also be affected by currencies and will show a decline of about 2 per cent. Strip out the currency and the rise is 5 per cent, with the best improvement seen in Britain and the rest of Europe.

Guinness is expected to raise the dividend by 8 per cent to 4.9p.

Anthony Greener, chairman of Guinness, Bernard Arnault and George Bull, chairman of GrandMet, will have their thoughts firmly fixed on the mixing of the two drinks brands

SEARS: Intense speculation during the past week or two suggests that the troubled retailer is on the verge of breaking up its loss-making British Shoe Corporation division. A board meeting last week was told that the best way forward would be the disposal of the business piecemeal, rather than selling it in one lump. But the costs of such a disposal will be high and these are likely to be included in half-year figures published on Thursday. Initial estimates suggested a figure of £100 million, but the final figure may be double that.

At the annual meeting in June, the group said that it was finding the going difficult, with like-for-like sales just 2.5 per cent ahead, a slowdown from the 5.3 per cent rise achieved in April. It seems unlikely that Sears will have made any improvement at all in the second quarter. Poor weather and a disruption to trading at Selfridges are likely to see the group plunge into the red with losses of £6.5 million forecast, compared with a profit of almost £17 million last time. Earnings will also be reversed from a surplus last time of 0.8p. The payout will be pegged at 1.05p.

REDLAND: The state of the German market and the impact of a strong pound will dominate half-year figures on Thursday. Pre-tax profits are expected to come in at £90.5 million, up from £81.5 million. The main thrust of the improvement should come from the group's operations in Germany which last year accounted for 46 per cent of profits. Volumes in the concrete roof tile market are likely to be down, but this will be offset by slightly firmer prices.

Exchange rates will play a crucial role. Improved demand for aggregates will be seen in the US, but any benefit will be offset by losses at Monier Tiles. Earnings are likely to be up around a third at 9.1p, but the payout will be pegged at 5.5p.

TARMAC: Interim figures tomorrow should start to reflect the £40 million of cost savings highlighted at the time of the asset swap with Wimpey. Pre-tax profits are set to come in at £34.4 million (£6.7 million), while earnings per share should grow from 0.4p to 2.5p. Brokers will no doubt seek guidance from the company over the state of the contracting market in this country.

There will also be close attention paid to the public services division, which plunged into the red last year with losses of £4.6 million after severe cuts in public spending.

Evidence of a further improvement in North America will also be required. In the first half of last year the business contributed £11 million to group profits. There has been evidence of increased demand since then. The dividend is likely to be pegged at 3p.

BARRATT: Full-year figures from Barratt Developments, Britain's second-biggest housebuilder, on Wednesday should clear up any lingering doubts about the strength of the revival in the housing market. Pre-tax profits are set to grow by around a third to £67.5 million although earnings growth will be limited to 8 per cent at 19.2p.

The group has already announced an increase in house completions of 10 per cent to 7,710 with an average selling price of £82,000. Analysts will want to know how the group has set about replenishing its landbank after the rights issue in March last year.

Meanwhile, Barratt continues to trade successfully on a regional basis with volumes climbing steadily for the fifth successive year. It now operates a total of 21 regional divisions.

The dividend is expected to grow 6 per cent to 8.75p.

BEAZER GROUP: With its exposure to the housing markets in the Midlands, North of England and Scotland, the group's results should illustrate whether other parts of the country are starting to enjoy the same housing revival as the South East.

Full-year figures today should reveal pre-tax profits up from £46.5 million to £58.8 million, with earnings per share growing by about 22 per cent to 14.4p.

There will be interest in how the company has replenished its landbank and at what cost.

The dividend should rise 7 per cent to 6.4p.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Trade figures in spotlight

The month's economic agenda has already been set by last week's strong retail sales and employment figures and there is little in this week's releases likely to alter the interest-rate outlook. The main focus will be two sets of trade data which should provide further clues to how the strong pound has affected the economy. While most analysts expect to see the trade picture worsening, the decline is unlikely to prove too alarming.

On Tuesday, the balance of payments figures should indicate a deterioration in Britain's current-account position. MMS International, the economic forecasting group, predicts the current account surplus will fall from £1.5 billion in the first quarter to just £500 million in the second quarter. The second-quarter GDP figures, released at the same time, are not expected to include any revisions to the annual growth rate of 3.4 per cent.

The trade figures have held up surprisingly well in recent months and MMS predicts the whole-world deficit for July will fall from £950 million to £240 million when the data is released on Thursday. But the August non-EU deficit is expected to widen from £65 million to £450 million.

In the US, the main focus will be the durable goods data on Thursday. MMS forecasts a fall-off in orders that began in July to continue, with orders showing a decline of 0.5 per cent in August. Weak figures are likely to confirm that the Federal Reserve will not raise rates at its meeting later this month.

West German consumer prices figures are expected to show inflation stabilising in September at 2 per cent, taking some of the pressure off the Bundesbank for a swift rate rise. In France, the focus will be on the budget, which will be discussed by the Cabinet this week. Preliminary signs are that the measures should be sufficient to help France to meet the necessary EMU targets.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy** Wembley, Mirror Group, Ibstock, FKI, Abbot Mead Vickers, Garton: **Sell** Serco. *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy** Ultra Electronics Holdings, Babcock International, Headlam, Internet Technology, Tilbury Douglas, Burford: **Hold** ML Holdings; **Sell** La Senza. *The Observer*: **Buy** Kingfisher, Wassall; **Sell** Limelight. *Independent On Sunday*: **Buy** Ultraframe. **Hold** Christian Salvesen, Shire Pharmaceuticals. *The Mail On Sunday*: **Buy** BG, Northern Rock, Countryside Properties.

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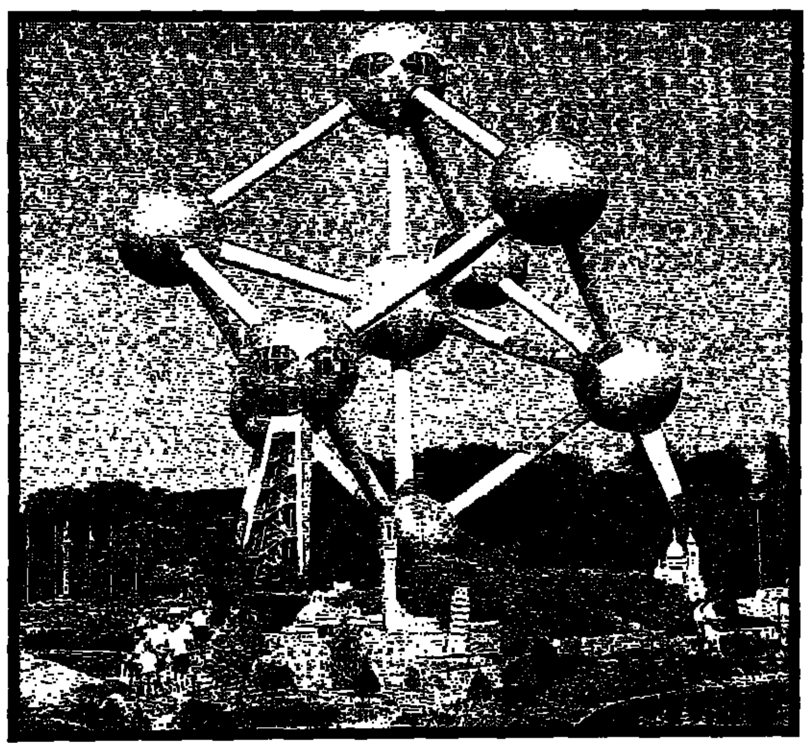

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Clever positioning pays off for IMF

In spite of calls for the fund to be scrapped, it is extending its sphere of influence. **Janet Bush** reports from Hong Kong

New recruits to the International Monetary Fund arrive to an inspirational pep talk from Michel Camdessus, the IMF's managing director. Some have described the evangelical tone as M Camdessus outlines their mission, sending them out into the world as high priests of liberal economics.

The proselytising has been extremely effective. There is not a delegation attending the IMF's annual meeting in Hong Kong that does not talk the language of the free market.

It is a mark of how thoroughly the IMF has spread the gospel that Milton Friedman last week called for the fund to be abolished, its job done. But the fund has no intention of heeding his call. If M Camdessus fulfils his current, considerable ambitions, there will not be an aspect of economic, social or political life in the developing — and even the developed — world that will be untouched by his institution.

One of the projects dearest to the fund's leadership is an effort to entrench the free market model by persuading countries to liberalise their capital accounts — the flow of investment and loans into and out of a country. It has already succeeded in ridding most of the world of restrictions on trade in goods, but it now wants movements of capital to be free too.

The fund is working on an amendment to its Articles of Association which it hopes will be ready in draft form for its spring meeting in Washington. It currently only offers guidance on freeing capital accounts, but this latest step would give it formal jurisdiction.

The suspicion among developing country delegates is that the fund means to make capital account liberalisation a condition of future lending. For many, this is a frightening prospect, particularly at a time when sensitivities are running high because of the collapse of confidence and catastrophic outflows of investment money from East Asia.

But nobody dares to voice outright opposition to the fund. Instead, Commonwealth Finance Ministers and the Group of 24, which represents developing countries, are pleading for capital account liberalisation to be phased in gently and include provision to reimpose controls in times of crisis.

The IMF is likely to prove deaf to such concerns. Stanley Fischer, first deputy managing director at the IMF, last week emphatically rejected slowing down the liberalisation bandwagon. He said: "No country can afford to cut itself off from the international capital markets. The increasing importance of international capital flows is a fact, which needs to be better reflected in the laws and agreements that help bring order to the international economy."

Alongside the IMF's continuing efforts to promote free markets is what M Camdessus calls the "second generation" of reforms which suggests a staggering degree of intervention in the way developing countries are run. In the past, the fund invariably made a series of macroeconomic measures a condition of its lending — current account liberalisation, reduction in government deficits, removing price controls and privatising public companies.

Now it is making loans conditional on a whole host of microeconomic reforms, including changes to financial systems. It is even laying down the law on what governments can spend their money on, reducing spending on weapons and soldiers — euphemistically known as "unproductive spending" — and retargeting it on education, health and other social areas.

But the most spectacular new element of the fund's creeping interventionism is its incursion into politics. It wants reform of civil services, labour markets, trade and agriculture. It is demanding "good governance" and transparency. And it has launched a battle against corruption. James Wolfensohn, President of the World Bank, acknowledged last week that there is a very fine line between cleaning up corruption and intervening in politics.

He defended the bank's refusal to address civil rights abuses in China on the grounds that the Bank does not get involved in politics, but he threw his full weight behind the IMF's drive against rottenness in government.

An example of the IMF as political enforcer came in July this year when it suspended a $220 million loan package to Kenya on the grounds that the Government had failed to combat corruption. The fallout was considerable. The shilling fell, aid flows from other donors fell and inflation rose as import prices increased.

Angela Wood, of the Bretton Woods Project, which monitors the role of the IMF and World Bank, said: "The benefits of good governance are not in question, but the IMF's competence and suitability as an institution to enforce appropriate conditionality is."

There are grave concerns about the unprecedented expansion of IMF influence, not least from the World Bank. Its expertise and experience in microeconomics is fast being made redundant.

The root of the fund's ability to empire-build is its clever positioning of itself as gatekeeper to all types of finance — with the apparently enthusiastic support of countries like Britain.

Developing countries simply do not have access to the money that they need for economic progress without the say-so of the IMF.

Debt relief is one example of the stranglehold. No country is even eligible even to be considered unless it is in an IMF adjustment programme. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, may be keen to relieve the debt burden of the world's poorest countries, but he has still willingly ceded control of the initiative to the IMF.

Much more important is the IMF's influence on the international capital markets. As national aid budgets are scaled back, the emphasis is moving decisively towards private capital as a tool for development. And private capital has learnt to look for an IMF seal of approval.

Argentina recently applied for a loan from the IMF, but not because it needed the money. Roque Fernandez, Argentina's Economy Minister, said that he would not be drawing down the loan because he had adequate access to private capital. He still wanted the loan — and swallowed IMF conditions on good governance — in order to win the fund's seal of approval.

So, despite having plenty of money and excellent macroeconomic indicators, Argentina still felt that it had to do the IMF's bidding.

Roger Bootle returns next week

Insurers threaten to scrap cover for millennium bug

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

BRITISH insurers are threatening to refuse to protect businesses against the losses and damage they suffer because of the inability of their computers to deal with the year 2000.

The insurers have said that any business that neglects to upgrade its computer systems before the end of 1999 risks losing its insurance cover against a loss stemming from computer failure. This potentially involves not just cover against the interruption to business caused by loss of data such as customer records, but also insurance against fire and theft. If computerised security systems failed to work because policyholders had neglected to deal with their millennium problem, insurers may refuse pay subsequent claims.

Similarly the ban could also hit individual homeowners with computerised burglar alarms who suffer a break-in if the alarm does not sound because of a computer problem.

The cost of dealing with the millennium problem — which arises because most computers use only two digits to identify dates — has been estimated at billions of pounds.

The Association of British Insurers says its members are not prepared to accept risk caused by negligence on the part of individuals or corporations. The ABI has been working with the Department of Trade and Industry's Taskforce 2000 and corporate risk managers in order to highlight the problem.

Malcolm Tarling, a spokesman for the ABI, said: "The warning we are giving applies to everyone, from large and small offices down to people who work from home. Insurers are not prepared to pick up the bill if businesses do not take steps to reduce their risk. Businesses need to upgrade their computer systems now, since they will not be covered if the risk could be seen but they did nothing about it."

The move follows similar action by US insurers. The issue is much wider than losses caused by faults in computer records. In theory, if a business had not upgraded computerised alarms or water sprinkler systems and these failed on December 31 or January 1 when a burglary or fire took place, insurance cover might be withdrawn.

The Association of Insurance Risk Managers in Industry and Commerce said it was pleased that the ABI had "given guidance" on such an important matter. The DTI and ABI are to launch an awareness campaign next month via trade bodies and small business associations.

Gas users face delay in changing supplier

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

GAS CUSTOMERS signing up to independent companies in Scotland and the North East may have to wait weeks before their accounts are switched from British Gas.

Rivals to British Gas fear that constraints placed on the switching procedure by Transco, the pipeline network, will mean that customers who have signed to change in July may not be able to get gas from their new supplier until January.

The companies say this will make nonsense of the regulator's decision to impose a November start for competition in Scotland and the North East to secure cheaper winter bills.

The number of customers able to switch per day has been reduced from 50,000 to 35,000. Ofgas said the rate had been cut because "we expect more customers to switch and we want to have a figure that is sustainable".

Nick Turner of Mercury Asset Management, left, with Richard Thompson of New World Payphones, bought by Mercury from Phildrew Ventures in a £56 million deal. New World has £12 million of revenues from phones in hotels, airports and hospitals

Surge in borrowing predicted

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

RETAILERS are set to enjoy a bumper Christmas after a sharp rise in consumer borrowing confidence.

The Hamilton Direct Bank consumer confidence survey, to be published this week, forecasts that total unsecured borrowing, such as personal loans, will double during the last four months of the year.

The survey, which also finds that the 1 per cent hike in interest rates has not dented confidence, is likely to heighten pressure for further rate rises after strong economic data in the past few weeks.

A separate survey published at the weekend found the fall in unemployment is resulting in a serious skills shortage, raising fears that wage inflation could accelerate.

The Hamilton Bank survey found consumer borrowing confidence has risen by two percentage points since the election to its highest since the series began last year. The proportion of households reporting no outstanding debt has fallen from 23 per cent to 16 per cent while the average outstanding debt has risen 10 per cent to £2,200.

Women OAPs more likely to live in poverty

By Caroline Merrell

A LARGE number of women face impoverishment in retirement, according to a survey from the TUC. They are poor because of their working patterns and because of the national insurance system.

The TUC found that women pensioners were on average £780 a year worse off than their male counterparts. Of all pensioners in the poorest 20 per cent of the population, 56 per cent are women. Single female pensioners are likely to be the poorest of all.

Women over 60 have a gross income of £138 a week before tax and housing. After these deductions, women have only £69.90 on which to live.

This week, the TUC is attempting to raise awareness of the plight of female pensioners with a freephone helpline. It will offer free and impartial advice to women for five days on such issues as pension rights and part-time working, divorce and maternity leave.

John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC, said: "Women historically have missed out on pensions and this is due in part to patterns of employment as well as discrimination in occupational schemes."

The survey also found that only one woman in four is a member of an occupational scheme, and more than three million people do not receive the full state pension. The poorest female pensioners were those in Wales — they earned only £118 a week. The richest women pensioners were those in the Greater London area, who had an income of about £181 a week.

Women tend not to qualify for full state pension benefits, because they have not paid national insurance contributions. To pay contributions, workers must earn more than the lower earnings limit of £62 a week. Two million women earn less than this.

IPPR calls for Scottish water co-ops

CO-OPERATIVES should take over the running of Scotland's water industry from the present regional quangos, a think-tank will argue today (Christine Buckley writes).

Gerald Holtham, director of the Institute for Public Policy Research, will tell a debate on the future for Scottish water that mutualisation is the best option.

He will say: "It is unusual for a single solution to be better for consumers, better for companies and better for the Government. But in the case of Scottish water there is such a solution — mutualisation."

Donald Dewer, the Scottish Secretary, is reviewing Scotland's water industry. Labour's election manifesto pledged to return it to local democratic control.

Sets brokers score ahead of opening

A RISE in interest rates, combined with a massive hike in oil taxation and the reimposition of sanctions on Iraq, kept London brokers busy on Saturday as the Stock Exchange carried out another rehearsal of its new electronic dealing system with a host of fictional scenarios (Adam Jones writes).

The new system, dubbed Sets, starts on October 20.

Out of 76 firms having their Sets competency tested in Saturday's trial, ten failed, an improvement on the previous Saturday, when a quarter missed the mark. A Stock Exchange spokesman said none of the firms had failed a second time.

Even though all member firms were not participating, 34,000 trades were made, not far short of the real London average of about 40,000 trades in UK stocks each day.

Directors urge retreat from scrutiny

COMPANY directors will today urge the Stock Exchange's inquiry on how firms are run to rewrite previous reviews of corporate governance to draw them away from setting codes and instead make them more flexible (Philip Bassett writes).

The move by the Institute of Directors is an attempt to check the growing scrutiny they have been subjected to.

In its preliminary report in July, the committee headed by Sir Ronald Hampel, ICI chairman, strongly urged a move away from the "box-ticking" approach of the Cadbury and Greenbury inquiries.

The IoD says: "The committee should remove any unnecessary prescription from previous reports" and welcomes the Hampel committee's explicit aim to "rebalance" the debate on corporate governance back towards business prosperity.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *30*

PERITE
(b) Experienced, expert, skilful, skilled. From the Latin *peritus* experienced. "Friends who are in the habit of exercising a profuse rather than a perite hospitality."

NEMERTINE
(b) Belonging to the class of flatworms (chiefly marine) known as *Nemertina*, *Nemertida* or *Nemertea*, usually characterised by an elongated, very contractile body, and often brilliantly coloured. Named for *Nēmertēs* a Greek sea-nymph. "The Nemertines are, as a rule, elongate, often even ribbon-like, animals of considerable size."

PLAP
(c) To come down or fall with a flat impact, and with the sound that this makes. Onomatopoeic and portmanteau, made from the beginning of *plash* and from the end of *flap* or *slap*. "Constantinople beauties waddling and plapping in their odious yellow papooshes."

NEXAL
(c) Characterised by the imposition of servitude as a penalty on a defaulting debtor. From Roman Law. In Latin *nexus* or *nexum* means a bond or obligation. "It is probable that in early times plebeian law recognised no debt except that created by the nexal contract."

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Goldman Sachs International

on behalf of

KCG Acquisition Corp.

(A wholly owned subsidiary of The Reynolds and Reynolds Company)

to purchase up to 2,925,060 ordinary shares of 10p each in

Kalamazoo Computer Group plc

at 130p per ordinary share

Further copies of this notice and the Form of Tender (upon the terms of which alone tenders will be accepted) may be obtained on request at the address set out in the Form of Tender.

Goldman Sachs International

Peterborough Court
133 Fleet Street
London EC4A 2BB
22 September 1997

To the holders of ordinary shares of 10p each in Kalamazoo Computer Group plc ("Kalamazoo")

Dear *Shareholder,*

Tender offer on behalf of KCG Acquisition Corp. ("KCG") for up to 2,925,060 ordinary shares of 10p each in Kalamazoo ("Ordinary Shares")

On behalf of KCG, we hereby offer to acquire by tender (the "Tender Offer"), on the terms and subject to the condition set out in this tender offer notice (the "Tender Offer Notice"), at a fixed price of 130p *per* Ordinary *Share* up to an aggregate of 2,925,060 *Ordinary Shares. This represents approximately 10 per cent. of the Ordinary Shares in* issue and 6 *per cent of the total* issued share capital of Kalamazoo. If, as expected, the 13,600,000 Ordinary Shares which have been subscribed by KCG, are admitted to the Official List of London Stock Exchange *Limited* later today ("Admission"), the 2,925,060 Ordinary Shares will represent approximately 6.8 per cent. of the enlarged number of Ordinary Shares in issue and 4.7 per cent. of the enlarged total issued share capital of Kalamazoo. The terms and the condition of the Tender Offer are set out in this Tender Offer Notice and the form of tender set out below ("Form of Tender").

Pursuant to an investment and *strategic alliance agreement* entered into by Kalamazoo and The Reynolds and Reynolds Company ("Reynolds") on 27 August 1997 and a letter of assignment dated 19 September 1997 between Kalamazoo, Reynolds and KCG (together, the "Agreement"), KCG has subscribed, subject to Admission, for 13,600,000 Ordinary Shares representing approximately 21.8 per cent. of the enlarged issued share capital of Kalamazoo.

The Agreement provides for KCG to make the Tender Offer in order to ensure that KCG's percentage interest in the enlarged issued share capital of Kalamazoo is increased to 26.5 per cent. If KCG does not acquire sufficient *Ordinary Shares under the Tender Offer* to have a 26.5 per cent. interest in the enlarged issued share capital of *Kalamazoo*, the Agreement permits KCG to subscribe for further Ordinary Shares to achieve this percentage interest.

Value of the Tender Offer

The Tender Offer price is:

130p per Ordinary Share.

The Tender Offer price represents a premium of 62.5 per cent. to the mid-market price of an Ordinary Share on 19 September 1997, the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this Tender Offer Notice.

Procedure for Tendering

Shareholders who wish to tender all or part of their *holding of Ordinary Shares should* complete and sign the Form of Tender in accordance with the instructions set out therein. Further details on the procedure for tendering and settlement are set out in the Appendix.

Yours faithfully,

for Goldman Sachs International
Richard A. Sapp
Managing Director

This Tender Offer Notice (including the Appendix) and the Form of Tender are approved solely for the purposes of section 57 of the Financial Services Act 1986 by Goldman Sachs International which is regulated in the United Kingdom by The Securities and Futures Authority Limited. Goldman Sachs International is acting for KCG and Reynolds in connection with *the Tender Offer and for no-one else, and accordingly will not be responsible to any other person for providing the protections afforded to its clients or for* advising any other person in relation to the Tender Offer.

APPENDIX

Terms and Condition of the Tender Offer

1. The consideration under the Tender Offer is a fixed price of 130p in cash per Ordinary Share (free of all commissions) in respect of each Ordinary Share tendered and accepted.
2. The Tender Offer is conditional on the receipt of tenders in respect of at least 428,505 Ordinary Shares (representing approximately 1 per cent. of the enlarged number of issued Ordinary Shares). If tenders for less than such number of Ordinary *Shares are received, the Tender Offer will be null and void.*
3. Subject to paragraph 2, all tenders will be irrevocable.
4. The Tender Offer will close at 10.00 a.m. on 29 September 1997 ("the closing date") and no tenders received after that time will be accepted.
5. Ordinary Shares tendered and accepted will be acquired by KCG with full title guarantee and free from all liens, charges and encumbrances and with all rights attaching to them, including the right to receive all dividends and other *distributions declared, made or paid after the date hereof.*
6. All or any proportion of an individual holding of Ordinary Shares may be tendered. If the aggregate number of Ordinary Shares validly tendered is more than 2,925,060 Ordinary Shares, tenders will be scaled down to the nearest whole number of Ordinary Shares pro rata to the total number of Ordinary Shares validly tendered.
7. All tenders must be made on the Form of Tender, which forms part of this Tender Offer Notice, duly completed in accordance with the instructions therein which (together with the notes therein) *constitute part of the terms of the Tender Offer. A tender will only be valid where the procedures contained herein and in the Form of* Tender are complied with. Tenders may be treated by KCG and Goldman Sachs (in their sole discretion) as valid and binding on the person(s) by whom or on whose behalf they are lodged even if not completed in accordance with the relevant instructions or not accompanied by a power of attorney where required.
8. Each shareholder by whom, or on whose behalf, a Form of Tender is executed irrevocably undertakes, represents, warrants and agrees to and with KCG and Goldman Sachs so as to bind such holder and their personal or legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns to the following effect:
   - (i) that the execution of the Form of Tender shall constitute an offer to sell to KCG the number of Ordinary Shares inserted or deemed to have been inserted in Box 3 of the Form of Tender (or such smaller number as may result from scaling down in accordance with the Tender Offer Notice) at 130p per Ordinary Share on and subject to the terms and condition set out or referred to in this Tender Offer Notice and the Form of Tender and a warranty by such holder that the information given by or on behalf of the shareholder in the Form of Tender will be true in all respects at the time KCG acquires such Ordinary Shares as if it had been entered into afresh at such time and shall not be extinguished by such purchase;
   - (ii) that the shareholder has full power and authority to tender, sell, assign or transfer the Ordinary Shares in respect of which such offer is accepted (together with all rights attaching thereto) and, when the same are acquired by KCG, KCG will acquire such Ordinary Shares with full title guarantee and free and clear from all liens, charges, restrictions, claims, equitable interests and encumbrances and together with all rights attaching thereto and such representation and warranty *will be true in all respects at the time KCG acquires such Ordinary Shares as if it had been entered into afresh at such time and shall not be extinguished by* such purchase;
   - (iii) that the execution of the Form of Tender will constitute the irrevocable appointment of any of the directors of KCG or any partner or managing director of Goldman Sachs as such holder's attorney and/or agent, and an irrevocable instruction to the attorney, to complete and execute all or any contracts and/or other *document(s) at the attorney's discretion in relation to the Ordinary Shares referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) above for the purchase of such shares by KCG* and to do all such other acts and things as may in the opinion of such attorney be necessary or expedient for the purpose of, or in connection with, the Tender Offer;
   - (iv) that such holder agrees to ratify and confirm each and every act or thing which may be done or effected by KCG or any of its directors, Goldman Sachs or any *partner or managing director of Goldman Sachs or other person(s) nominated by KCG in the proper exercise of its or his or her powers and/or authorities* hereunder;
   - (v) that the execution of the Form of Tender constitutes the irrevocable appointment of IRG plc as such shareholder's attorney and/or agent and an irrevocable instruction and authority to the attorney and/or agent (i) subject to the Tender Offer becoming unconditional to transfer to KCG by means of CREST all or any of the relevant Ordinary Shares (but not exceeding the number of Ordinary Shares which have been tendered or deemed to have been tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer or such smaller number as may result from scaling down) and (ii), if the Tender Offer does not become unconditional or has been terminated, to give instructions to CRESTCo, as promptly as practicable after the lapsing of the Tender Offer, to transfer all relevant Ordinary Shares to the original available balances to which those Ordinary Shares relate. "Relevant Ordinary Shares" means Ordinary Shares in uncertificated form and in respect of which a transfer or transfer to escrow has or have been effected pursuant to the procedures described in paragraph 14 below and where the transfer(s) to escrow was or were made in respect of *Ordinary Shares held under the same member account ID and participant ID as the member account ID and participant ID relating to the* Form of Tender concerned;
   - (vi) that the execution of the Form of Tender constitutes, subject to the Tender Offer becoming unconditional, irrevocable authorities and requests:
     - (a) if the Ordinary Shares concerned are in certificated form, to KCG or its agents to procure the despatch by post of a cheque drawn at a branch of a UK *clearing bank for the cash consideration to which a tendering shareholder is entitled, at the risk of such shareholder, to the person or agent whose name* and address outside the United States of America, Canada or Australia is set out in Box 6 of the Form of Tender, or if no name and address is set out in Box 6, to the first named holders at the address outside the United States of America, Canada or Australia set out in Box 1 of the Form of Tender; or
     - (b) if the Ordinary Shares concerned are in uncertificated form, to KCG or its agents to procure the creation of an assured payment obligation in favour of *the payment bank of the tendering shareholder in accordance with the CREST assured payment arrangements in respect of the cash consideration* to which such shareholder is entitled;
   - (vii) that such holder will deliver to IRG plc, in respect of Ordinary Shares held in certificated form, their share certificates and/or other documents of title in respect of the Ordinary Shares referred to in paragraphs (i) or (ii) above, or an indemnity acceptable to KCG in lieu thereof, or will procure the delivery of such *documents* to such person as soon as possible thereafter and, in any event, before 10.00 a.m. on 29 September 1997;
   - (viii) that if, for any reason, any Ordinary Shares in respect of which a transfer to an escrow balance has been effected in accordance with paragraph 14 are converted to certificated form, he will immediately deliver or procure the immediate delivery by no later than 10.00 a.m. on 29 September 1997 of the share certificate(s) or other document(s) of title in respect of all such Ordinary Shares as are so converted to IRG plc;
   - (ix) *that the creation of an* assured payment obligation in favour of his payment bank in accordance with the CREST assured payments arrangements as referred to in paragraph (vi)(b) above shall, to the extent of the obligation so created, discharge in full any obligation of KCG to pay to him the cash consideration to which he is entitled pursuant to the Tender Offer;
   - (x) that the terms of the Tender Offer Notice shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and form part of, the Form of Tender, which shall be read and construed accordingly;
   - (xi) that such shareholder shall do all such acts and things as shall be necessary and execute any *additional documents* deemed by KCG to be desirable to complete the purchase of the Ordinary Shares and/or to perfect any of the authorities expressed to be given hereunder; and
   - (xii) that such shareholder is not a North American person or a resident of Australia, does not hold any Ordinary Shares which he has tendered on behalf of any North American person or any resident of Australia and is not acting on behalf of a North American person or a resident of Australia and has not received or sent copies of this document, the Form of *Tender or any related documents in, into or from the United States of America, Canada or Australia, has not utilised* in connection with the Tender Offer, *directly or indirectly*, the mails of, or any means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile transmission, telex and telephone) or interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facilities of a national securities exchange of, the United States of America, was outside the United States of America, Canada or Australia when the Form of Tender was delivered and is not an agent or fiduciary acting on a non-discretionary basis for a principal *unless such agent or fiduciary is an* authorised employee of such principal or such principal has given any instructions with respect to the Tender Offer from outside the United States of America, Canada or Australia.
9. The failure of any person to receive a copy of this Tender Offer Notice or the Form of Tender shall not invalidate any aspect of the Tender Offer. Additional copies of this Tender Offer Notice and the Form of Tender can be obtained on request from New Issues Department, IRG plc at PO Box 166, Bourne House, 34 Beckenham *Road, Beckenham*, Kent BR3 4TH. No acknowledgement of receipt of any Forms of Tender, share certificates and/or other documents of the title will be given.
10. All powers of attorney and authorities conferred by or referred to in this Tender Offer Notice or in *the Form of Tender are given by way of security for the performance* of the obligations of the shareholders concerned and *are irrevocable* in accordance with section 4 of the Powers of Attorney Act 1971.
11. *The Tender Offer, all Forms of Tender and all contracts resulting therefrom shall be governed by and construed in* accordance with English law. Execution on behalf of a shareholder of a Form of Tender constitutes his or her submission, in relation to all matters arising out of or in connection with the Tender Offer and the Forms of Tender, to the jurisdiction of the English courts.
12. The decision of Goldman Sachs and KCG as to which Ordinary Shares have been successfully tendered and as to the treatment of any fractions arising from any *scaling down will be conclusive and binding on all Kalamazoo shareholders.*

Procedure for Tendering

13. Shareholders who wish to tender all or part of their holding of Ordinary Shares should complete and sign the Form of Tender in accordance with the instructions set out therein, indicating the number of Ordinary Shares tendered.
14. *The procedure for tendering Ordinary Shares is as follows:*

    (a) Ordinary Shares in certificated form

    If the Ordinary Shares which you wish to tender *pursuant* to the Tender *Offer* are in certificated form, you should complete the Form of Tender in accordance with the instructions printed therein. You should then lodge the Form of Tender, together with the relevant share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title either by hand or by post to *New Issues Department, IRG plc, PO Box 166, Bourne House*, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TH or by hand only to IRG plc, 23 Ironmonger Lane, London EC2 as soon as possible and, in any event, so as to arrive no later than 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 29 September 1997. A Form of Tender, once lodged, may not be withdrawn.

    If the relevant share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title are not readily available, the Form of Tender should nevertheless be completed, signed and returned *to IRG plc as stated above accompanied by a letter stating that the relevant certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title will be forwarded as soon as possible* thereafter, and in any event, so as to arrive no later than 10.00 a.m. on 29 September 1997. If the relevant share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title are lost, you should request Lloyds Bank Registrars at The Causeway, Worthing, West Sussex BN99 6DA to send you a letter of indemnity for completion in accordance with the instructions given in that letter. When completed, the letter of indemnity must be lodged with IRG plc in accordance with the above described delivery procedures, in support of the Form of Tender prior to 10.00 a.m. on 29 September 1997.

    (b) Ordinary Shares in uncertificated form (that is, in CREST)

    If the Ordinary Shares which you wish to tender are in uncertificated form, you should insert in Box 4 of the Form of Tender the participant ID and member account ID under which such Ordinary Shares are held by you in CREST and otherwise complete and return the Form of Tender as described above. In addition, you should take (or procure to be taken) the action set out below to transfer (by means of a TTE instruction) the Ordinary Shares which you wish to tender pursuant to the Tender Offer to an escrow balance, specifying IRG plc (*in its capacity as a CREST participant under its participant ID referred to below*) as the escrow agent, as soon as possible and in any event so that the transfer to escrow settles not later than 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 29 September 1997.

    If you are a CREST sponsored member, you should refer to your CREST sponsor before taking any action. Your CREST sponsor will be able to confirm details of your participant ID and the member account ID under which your Ordinary Shares are held. In addition, only your CREST sponsor will be able to send the TTE instruction to CRESTCo Limited ("CRESTCo") in relation to the Ordinary Shares which you wish to tender pursuant to the Tender Offer.

    You should send (or, if you are a CREST sponsored *member, procure that your CREST sponsor sends*) a TTE instruction to CRESTCo which must be properly authenticated in accordance with CRESTCo's specifications and which must contain, in addition to the other information that is required for a TTE instruction to settle in CREST, the following details:

    - (i) *the number of Ordinary Shares to be transferred to an escrow balance;*
    - (ii) your member account ID, which must be the same member account ID as the member account ID that is inserted in Box 4 of the Form of Tender;
    - (iii) your participant ID, which must be the same participant ID as the participant ID that is inserted in Box 4 of the Form of Tender;
    - (iv) the participant ID of the escrow agent (IRG plc, in its capacity as a CREST receiving agent). This is RA10;
    - (v) the member account ID of the escrow agent. This is KALAMAZO;
    - (vi) the Intended Settlement Date. This should be as soon as possible and in any event not later than 10.00 a.m. on 29 September 1997;
    - (vii) the Corporate Action "ISIN". This is GB0004818216;
    - (viii) the Corporate Action Number for the Tender Offer. This is allocated by CRESTCo after announcement of the Tender Offer and can be found by viewing the relevant Corporate Action Details in CREST; and
    - (ix) input of standard delivery with priority of 80.

    You are recommended to refer to the CREST Manual published by CRESTCo for further information on the CREST procedures outlined above. For ease of processing, you are requested, wherever possible, to ensure that a completed Form of Tender relates to only one transfer to escrow.

    You should note that CRESTCo does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular corporate action. Normal system timings and limitations will therefore apply in connection with a TTE instruction and its settlement. You should therefore ensure that all necessary action is taken by you (or by your CREST sponsor) to enable a TTE instruction relating to your Ordinary Shares to settle prior to 10.00 a.m. on 29 September 1997. In this connection, you are referred in particular to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.

    KCG will make an appropriate announcement if any of the details contained in this sub-paragraph (b) alter for any reason.

    (c) Miscellaneous

    If you wish to tender Ordinary Shares which are held in both certificated and uncertificated forms, you should complete a separate Form of Tender for each holding. Similarly, *if you wish to tender Ordinary Shares which are held in uncertificated form under different member accounts IDs*, you should complete a separate Form of Tender in respect of each member account ID. Additional Forms of Tender are available from New Issues Department, IRG plc, PO Box 166, Bourne House, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TH.

    KCG reserves the right to treat as valid in whole or in part any Form of Tender which is not entirely in order or which is not accompanied by the relevant TTE instruction or (as the case may be) relevant share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title.

    If the Tender Offer lapses, all documents lodged pursuant to the Tender Offer will be returned promptly by post not later than 14 business days after the date of such lapse, or, in the case of Ordinary Shares held in uncertificated form, the escrow agent will provide instructions to CRESTCo to transfer all Ordinary Shares held in escrow balances by TFE instruction to the original available balances to which those Ordinary Shares relate. If the Tender Offer becomes void, Forms of Tender will cease to have any effect.

    The delivery of share certificates for Ordinary Shares and all other required documents and all remittances will be at the risk of the tendering shareholder.

Settlement

15. Unless the Tender Offer lapses prior to such time in accordance with the provisions above, the result of the Tender Offer and (if applicable) the extent to which tenders *will be scaled down is expected to be announced by no later than 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 30 September 1997, the business day following the closing date.*

    The payment of any consideration for Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer will be made only after the relevant TTE instruction has settled or (as may be the case) timely receipt by IRG plc of certificates and/or other requisite documents evidencing such Ordinary Shares, a properly completed and duly executed Form of Tender and any other documents required by the Form of Tender.

    Delivery of cash for the Ordinary Shares to be purchased pursuant to the Tender Offer will be made by IRG plc. IRG plc will act as agent for tendering shareholders for the purpose of receiving the cash and transmitting such cash to tendering shareholders. Under no circumstances will interest be paid on the cash to be paid by KCG or IRG plc regardless of any delay in making such payment.

    Settlement of the consideration in which any shareholder is entitled pursuant to tenders accepted by Goldman Sachs, complete in all respects, will be made as follows:

    (a) Holders of Ordinary Shares in uncertificated form (that is, in CREST)

    Where an accepted tender relates to Ordinary Shares held by shareholders in uncertificated form, the cash consideration will be paid by means of CREST by KCG procuring the creation of an assured payment obligation in favour of the payment bank of tendering shareholders in accordance with the CREST assured payment arrangements on 30 September 1997. If part only of a holding is purchased pursuant to the Tender Offer, IRG plc will transfer the Ordinary Shares not purchased back to the relevant CREST account.

    (b) Holders of Ordinary Shares in certificated form

    Where an accepted tender relates to Ordinary Shares held by shareholders in certificated form, cheques for the consideration will be despatched by first class post on 30 September 1997. All cash payments will be made in pounds sterling by cheque drawn at a branch of a UK clearing bank and made payable to the registered holder of the Ordinary Shares tendered and accepted, or, if more than one, to the first named holder at the address specified on the Form of Tender.

Overseas Shareholders

16. (i) The making of the Tender Offer in, or to certain persons who are citizens or nationals of, or resident in, jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom ("Overseas Shareholders") may be affected by the laws of the relevant overseas jurisdiction. Shareholders who are Overseas Shareholders should inform themselves about *and observe any applicable legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any such person wishing to tender Ordinary Shares to satisfy himself as to the full* observance of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction in connection therewith, including the obtaining of any governmental or other consents which may be required, the compliance with other necessary formalities and the payment of any issue, transfer or other taxes due in such jurisdiction. Any Overseas Shareholder will be responsible for payment of any such issue, transfer or other taxes or other requisite payments due by whomsoever payable and KCG, Goldman Sachs and any person acting on their behalf shall be entitled to be fully indemnified and held harmless by such shareholder for any such issue, transfer or other taxes as such person may be required to pay.

    (ii) In particular, the Tender Offer is not being made directly or indirectly in, or by use of the mails of, or by any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce of, or of any facilities of a national securities exchange of, the United States of America ("USA"), Canada or Australia. This includes, but is not limited to, facsimile transmission, telex and telephone. Copies of this Tender Offer Notice, the Form of Tender and any related documents are not being and must not be mailed or otherwise distributed or sent in or into the *USA, Canada or Australia*, including to shareholders with registered addresses in these jurisdictions or to persons whom KCG knows to be trustees, nominees or custodians holding Ordinary Shares for such persons. Persons receiving such documents (including, without limitation, trustees, nominees or custodians) must not distribute or send them in or into the USA, Canada or Australia or use such mails or any such means or instrumentality for any purpose directly or indirectly in connection with the Tender Offer, and so doing may invalidate any purported tender pursuant to the Tender Offer. *Persons wishing to tender pursuant to the Tender Offer must not use such mails or any such means, instrumentality of facility for any* purpose, directly or indirectly, related to any tender pursuant to the Tender Offer. Envelopes containing Form(s) of Tender should not be postmarked in the USA, Canada or Australia or otherwise despatched from the USA, Canada or Australia, and all acceptors must provide addresses outside the USA, Canada or Australia for the remittance of cash, or for the return of Form(s) of Tender, share certificates and/or other document(s) of title.

    (iii) The provisions of this paragraph 16 and/or any other terms of the Tender Offer relating to Overseas Shareholders may be waived, varied or modified as regards specific Overseas Shareholders or on a general basis by KCG in its absolute discretion but shall not in any circumstances be waived, varied or modified so as to permit any purported tender post marked or otherwise despatched from the USA, Canada or Australia to be valid. Subject to this, the provisions of this paragraph 16 supersede any terms of the Tender Offer inconsistent herewith. References in this paragraph 16 to a shareholder shall include references to the persons executing a Form of Tender and, in the event of more than one person executing a Form of Tender, the provisions of this paragraph 16 shall apply to *them jointly and severally.*

Taxation

17. The disposal of Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer will constitute a disposal or part disposal for the purposes of United Kingdom taxation on capital gains and may, depending on the individual circumstances of the shareholder, give rise to a liability to taxation. Any shareholder who is in any doubt as to his tax position *should consult his professional* adviser.
18. No stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax will be payable by holders of Ordinary Shares as a result of the acceptance of tenders under the Tender Offer.

Unless the context otherwise requires, expressions defined in the Tender Offer Notice dated 22 September 1997 from Goldman Sachs International bear the same meanings in this Form of Tender

FORM OF TENDER

for the sale of ordinary shares of 10p each in *Kalamazoo Computer Group plc*

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

To tender Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer, complete this Form of Tender by following the instructions and notes for guidance set out herein.

Send this Form of Tender, together with, if you hold shares in certificated form, the share certificate(s), in respect of the Ordinary Shares which you wish to tender pursuant to the Tender Offer by post or by hand to New Issues Department, IRG plc, PO Box 166, Bourne House, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TH or by hand only to IRG plc, 23 Ironmonger Lane, London EC2 as soon as possible but, in any event, so as to arrive at one of the above addresses not later than 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 29 September 1997.

If your Ordinary Shares are in uncertificated *form (that is, in CREST) you should return this* Form of Tender (having completed Box 4) and take the actions set out in paragraph 14(b) in the Tender Offer Notice to transfer the Ordinary Shares which you wish to tender pursuant to the Tender Offer to an escrow balance. For this purpose, the participant ID of the escrow agent is RA10 and the member account ID of the escrow agent is KALAMAZO. You should ensure that the transfer to escrow settles not later than 10.00 a.m. on *Monday, 29 September* 1997.

If you hold the Ordinary Shares which you wish to tender pursuant to the Tender Offer in *certificated form and have lost the relevant* share certificate(s) or they are unavailable, complete the Form of Tender and forward the share certificate(s) or letter of indemnity as soon as possible thereafter, but any in any event so as to arrive at one of the addresses set out above not later than 10.00 a.m. on *Monday, 29 September* 1997.

If you wish to tender Ordinary Shares which you *hold in both certificated and uncertificated* form, you should complete a separate Form of Tender for each holding. Similarly, *if* you wish to tender Ordinary Shares in uncertificated form under different *member* account IDs, you should complete a separate Form of Tender in respect of each member account ID.

Please read the Tender Offer Notice, the terms of which are incorporated in and form part of this Form of Tender

A Form of Tender contained in an *envelope postmarked in* the USA, Canada or Australia or *otherwise* appearing to KCG or its agents to have been sent from the USA, Canada or Australia will not constitute a valid tender under the Tender Offer

Further copies of the Tender Offer Notice and this Form of Tender are available from New Issues Department, IRG plc, PO Box 166, Bourne House, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TH.

HOW TO COMPLETE THIS FORM OF TENDER

Box 1 NAME(S) AND ADDRESS Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

First registered holder
1 Forename(s) ____
Surname (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Title) ____
Address ____
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Postcode ____

Other registered holder(s)
2. Forename(s) ____
Surname (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Title) ____
3. Forename(s) ____
Surname (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Title) ____
4. Forename(s) ____
Surname *(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Title)* ____

In case of query, please state daytime telephone number
(To be completed in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Complete Box 1 with the full name and address of the sole or first-named registered holder together with the names of all other joint holders in BLOCK CAPITALS. Your attention is also drawn to Box 6.

Unless you complete *Box 6, the address of the sole or first-named registered holder inserted in Box 1 is the address to which your consideration will be sent.*

Box 2 SIGNATURES

I/We hereby tender the number *of Ordinary Shares* set out or deemed to be set out in Box 3 in accordance with, and on and subject to the terms and condition of, the Tender Offer set out in *the Tender Offer Notice.*

Executed and delivered as a deed by the undermentioned shareholder(s).

PLEASE SIGN HERE

Signed and delivered as a deed by:
1 ____
2 ____

Witnessed by
1 Name ____ Address ____ Signature ____
2 Name ____ Address ____ Signature ____

Box 2 SIGNATURES *continued*

3 ____ 3. Name ____ *Address* ____ Signature ____
4 ____ 4. Name ____ Address ____ *Signature* ____

NOTE: THE SIGNATURE OF EACH REGISTERED HOLDER SHOULD BE WITNESSED
In the case of joint holders ALL holders must sign. A corporation must execute under seal or otherwise validly execute this Form of Tender as a deed.

You must sign Box 2 regardless of the other Box(es) you complete and, in the case of a joint holding, arrange for all other joint holders to do likewise

Each holder must sign in the presence of an independent witness. The witness must be over 18 years of age and must not be one of the *joint* registered holders (if any). The same witness may witness each signature of joint holders. If the Form of Tender is not signed by the registered holder(s), insert the name(s) and capacity (e.g. executor) of the person(s) signing the Form of Tender. You should deliver evidence of your authority in accordance with the notes to this Form of Tender.

A company may execute under seal, the seal being affixed and witnessed in accordance with its articles of association or other regulations. Alternatively, two directors or a director and the company secretary may sign this Form of Tender on behalf of a company incorporated in Great Britain and person(s) duly authorised by a company incorporated outside Great Britain may sign in accordance with the laws of the territory in which the relevant company is incorporated. In both cases execution should be expressed to be by the company.

Box 3 TENDER OFFER

I/We hereby irrevocably tender to Goldman Sachs the number of Ordinary Shares specified below

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You should insert in Box 3 the number of Ordinary Shares you wish to tender.

If Box 3 is left blank or a number greater than your entire holding *of Ordinary Shares is inserted in Box 3, and the Form of Tender is* signed, you will be deemed to have tendered the entire holding represented by the share certificate(s) or other document(s) of title enclosed with this Form of Tender or transferred to an escrow balance in accordance with paragraph 14(b) of the Tender Offer Notice or such smaller whole number of Ordinary Shares as may result from scaling down in accordance with the Tender Offer Notice.

Box 4 PARTICIPANT ID AND MEMBER ACCOUNT ID

Complete this Box only if your Ordinary Shares are in CREST

Participant ID ____
Member Account ID ____

If the Ordinary Shares which you wish to tender are in CREST you should complete Box 4 and take the action set out in paragraph 14(b) of the *Tender Offer Notice to transfer (or procure the transfer of) the Ordinary Shares concerned to an escrow balance*

Box 5 US AND OTHER OVERSEAS PERSONS

Put "YES" in Box 5 if you are unable to give the warranties required by paragraph 8 of the Tender Offer Notice

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If you are unable to give the warranties required by paragraph 8 of the Form of Tender *YOU MUST PUT "YES"* in Box 5 and your tender may be invalid. If you do not put "YES" in Box 5, you will be deemed to have given such warranties. Further details in this respect are set out in paragraph 8 of the Tender Offer Notice. If you put "YES" in Box 5, KCG reserves the right to treat your tender as valid. Your attention is also drawn to Box 6

Box 6 ALTERNATIVE ADDRESSES

Complete this Box if you wish the consideration and/or documents to be sent to someone at an address (but not in the USA, Canada or Australia) other than the first-named registered holder at the address set out in Box 1.
(To be completed in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Name ____
Address ____
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Insert in Box 6 your own name and address (but not in the USA, Canada or Australia) or the name and address of the person or agent (for example, your bank, but not in the USA, Canada or Australia) to whom you wish the consideration or returned documents to be sent if not the same as in Box 1. Box 6 must be completed by registered holders with addresses in the USA, Canada or Australia or holders who have completed Box 1 with an address in the USA, Canada or Australia.

NOTES REGARDING THE COMPLETION AND LODGING OF THIS FORM OF TENDER

The following notes should be read carefully. In order to be valid, the Form of Tender must be correctly completed in all respects and received by IRG plc at one of the addresses given in this Form of Tender by 10.00 a.m. on 29 September 1997.

In order to be valid, this Form of Tender must, except as mentioned below, be executed personally by the registered holder of the Ordinary Shares being tendered (or under a *power of attorney* which should be lodged with this Form of Tender). In the case of a joint holding, ALL the registered holders must so execute this Form of Tender. All signatures must be witnessed by someone who is not a joint holder. A corporation must execute this Form of Tender under seal, the seal being fixed and witnessed in accordance with its articles of association or other regulations, or otherwise validly execute and deliver this Form of Tender as a deed.

In order to avoid inconvenience and delay, the following points may assist you:

A. *If a holder is away from home (e.g. abroad or on holiday) or where a power of attorney has been granted:*

   Send this Form of Tender by the quickest means (e.g. air mail) to the holder (unless he is in the USA, Canada or Australia) for execution or, if he has executed a relevant power of attorney, have this Form signed by the attorney, in the presence of a witness. In the latter case, the power of attorney (or a copy thereof duly certified in accordance with the Powers of Attorney Act 1971) must be lodged with this Form of Tender. No other signatures will be accepted.

B. *If the sole holder has died:*

   If probate or letters of administration has/have been registered with Kalamazoo, this Form of Tender must be signed by the personal representative(s) of the deceased. If probate or letters of administration has/have been granted but has/have not been registered with Kalamazoo, the personal representative(s) should sign this Form of Tender and forward it to IRG plc, at one of the addresses given in this Form of Tender with, if the shares are held in certificated form, the share certificate(s) and/or other documents of title, and a copy of the probate or letters of administration as soon as possible

C. *If one or more of the joint holders has died:*

   This Form of Tender is valid if signed by all the surviving holders and lodged with IRG plc at one of the addresses given in this *Form of Tender, accompanied by the death certificate, probate or letters of administration of the deceased holder*

D. **If you hold the shares which you wish to tender in certificated form and one or all of the certificate(s) for those shares has/have been lost:**

   Complete and lodge this Form of Tender with a letter of explanation and any certificate(s) available with IRG plc at one of the *addresses given in this Form of Tender and at the same time request a letter of indemnity from Lloyds Bank Registrars at The* Causeway, Worthing, West Sussex BN99 4DA which should be completed in accordance with the instructions given. When completed the letter of indemnity must be lodged with IRG plc at one of the addresses given in this Form of Tender by 10.00 a.m. on 29 September 1997

E. **If you hold the shares which you wish to tender in certificated form and do *not* have the share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title:**

   If your share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title is/are held by your bank or some other agent, complete this Form of Tender and, if the share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title is/are readily available, deliver this completed Form of Tender to your agent for lodging with IRG plc at one of the addresses given in this Form of Tender, accompanied by the relevant share certificate(s) and/or documents(s) of title.

   If the certificate(s) and/or other documents(s) of title is/are not readily available, you should complete this Form of Tender and *lodge* it, together with a note of explanation and arrange for the share certificate(s) and/or other documents(s) of title to be forwarded as soon as possible thereafter, but in any event so as to arrive with IRG plc at one of the addresses given in this Form *of Tender by 10.00 a.m. on 29 September 1997.*

F. **If you hold the shares which you wish to tender in certificated form and your name or other particulars are shown incorrectly on the certificate, eg:**

   - (i) incorrect name – complete and lodge this Form of Tender with the correct name and accompanied by a letter from your *bank, stockbroker, or solicitor confirming that the person described on the certificate and the person who has executed this* Form of Tender are one and the same.
   - (ii) incorrect address – write the correct address on this Form of Tender
   - (iii) change of name – lodge your marriage certificate or the deed poll with this Form of Tender for noting.

G. *If the shares which you wish to tender are in CREST:*

   You should take the action set out in paragraph 14 (b) of the Tender Offer Notice to transfer the Ordinary Shares which you wish to tender to an escrow balance.

If you are a CREST sponsored member, you should refer to your CREST sponsor before completing this Form of Tender, as only *your CREST sponsor will be able to send the necessary TTE instruction to CRESTCo.*

The consideration due to you under this Tender Offer cannot be sent to you until all relevant documents have been properly completed and lodged with IRG plc, at one of the addresses given in this Form of Tender by no later than 10.00 a.m. on 29 September 1997.

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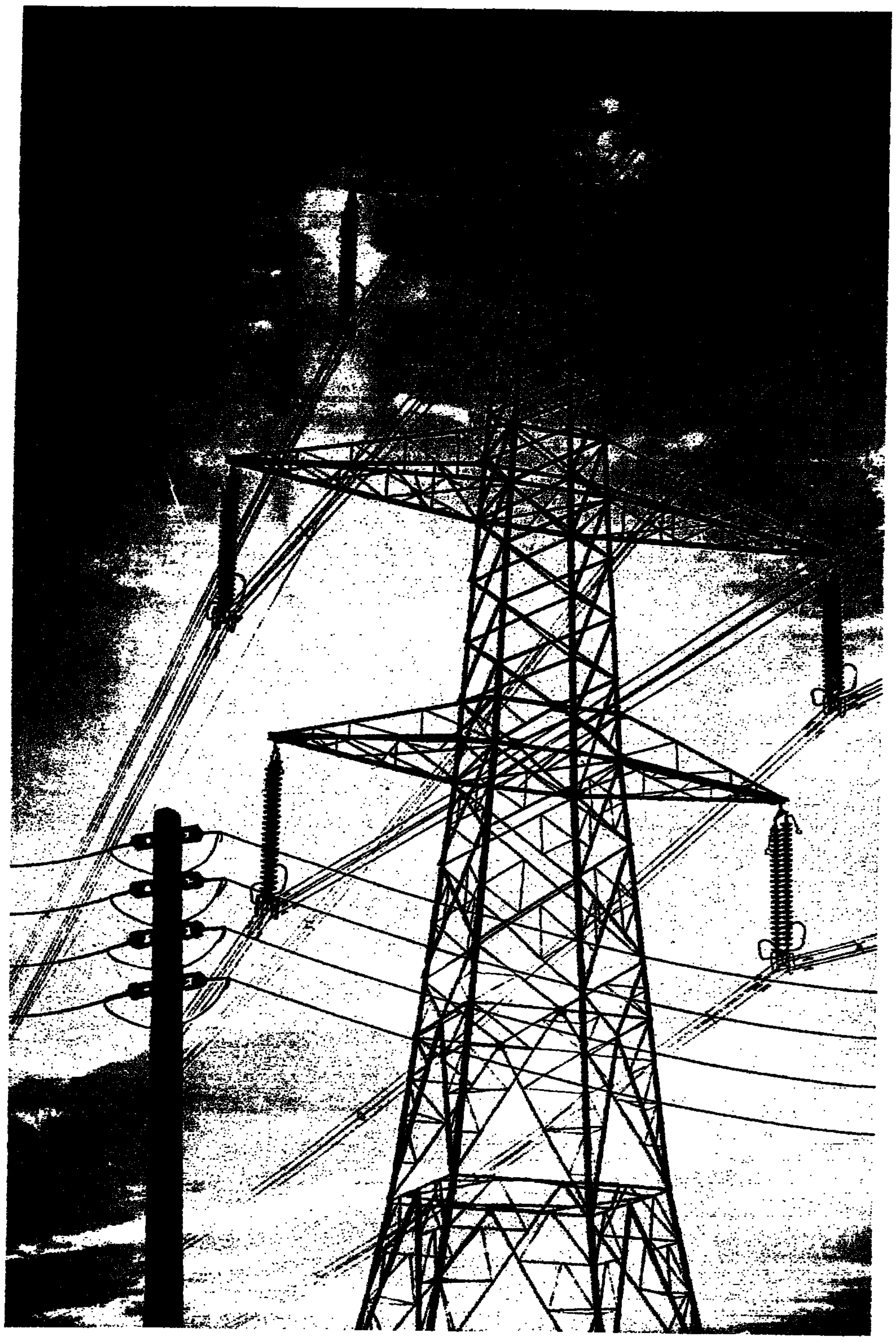

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Roadshow will help to fix minimum wage

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Low Pay Commission will today approve a groundbreaking move to promote Labour's plan for a statutory minimum wage.

The commission, set up by the Government to recommend the level for a national minimum wage, is to embark on a minimum pay "roadshow" — a series of regional visits to explain to companies, organisations and the public what the minimum wage will mean. The exercise will also be used to help to fix the level for the minimum wage.

Commission members and officials plan to visit Leeds, Manchester, Belfast, Glasgow, Newcastle, Cardiff, the Midlands and the South West.

As well as explaining Labour's plans to local firms, the commission will ask business organisations, low pay groups, community bodies and employees for their views about the right level for the new minimum. The commission also plans opinion polls and to set up local focus groups to test the plan.

Today's meeting will consider a detailed and extensive document setting out the main economic arguments for and against a minimum wage, and its level, which has been drawn up by Whitehall officials after an review of the available economic literature.

The commission has now contacted some 350 organisations and individuals, asking them to submit evidence on the level at which a minimum should be set. The commission is calling for replies by early next month.

A letter to organisations says: "We are not expecting you to recommend a specific national minimum wage, but would be interested in your assessment of the impact of different national minimum wage levels".

The CBI and the TUC will give oral evidence to the commission in private on October 14.

The commission will make its decision on the level to recommend to ministers in the late spring.

Pressure on the commission will be stepped up this week with publication of the 1997 New Earnings Survey, a government snapshot of pay levels which is used by trade unions and pay lobby groups to fix the annual target for a minimum wage of half male median earnings.

Publication of the survey on Thursday by the Office for National Statistics will raise the union target level for a national minimum from the current £4.42 an hour to an expected level of about £4.60, although most Labour and union leaders acknowledge privately that the likely level will be considerably less than this.

Care First chairman to face renewed pressure to resign

By Adam Jones

THE boardroom tension at Care First, the quoted nursing home operator, looks set to continue with a renewed attempt to unseat Keith Bradshaw, the chairman who has just agreed to relinquish his executive duties.

Mr Bradshaw's move last week has failed to placate some shareholders, who are still considering whether to try to force the reinstatement of Chai Patel, whose recent resignation as chief executive brought the boardroom rifts into the open.

At a board meeting last Wednesday, Mr Bradshaw agreed to take on a non-executive role in the face of earlier calls for Dr Patel's reinstatement. He is continuing to act as chief executive until a new one is found. But shareholders are unhappy about the way their opinions were canvassed.

Care First denied a report that three senior managers were poised to leave. It said the shareholders vociferously opposed to Mr Bradshaw and the boardroom compromise represented just 15 per cent of issued share capital. This is disputed by the dissidents.

The power struggle at Care First stems from the merger of Takare, the nursing home operator chaired by Mr Bradshaw, and Court Cavendish, of which Dr Patel was chief executive.

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

1997 High	Low	Mkt cap (million)		Price pence	Wkly +/−	Yld %	P/E
139½	100½	14.10	AFA Systems	117½	− 2		
153½	131½	19.80	AMCO Corp	138½		6.0	6.9
422½	170	46.00	AND Int Pub	210	− 12½	.	.
127½	84½	8.20	Abacus Recruit	126	+ ½	1.5	
195	99½	27.80	Access Plus	167½	− 2½	3.9	19.0
89¼	5¾	3.91	Active Imaging	9½		.	.
230	200	30.30	A de Gruchy	205		4.5	10.3
11¼	7¼	8.23	African Gold	8		.	32.3
117½	72½	40.30	Airtech	88½	+ 13	.	..
44½	31¼	14.80	Albemarle & Bd	39	+ 1	1.6	..
52½	29	5.45	Alizyme	31½		.	
111½	73½	2.40	Anglo-Welsh	77½		.	
610	455	58.60	Ann St Brewery	610	..	4.2	12.3
1235	1015	7.32	Ann St Cv Pf	1235	+ 2½	6.5	.
129½	65½	64.70	Antonov	84½	− 3	..	..
148½	99½	21.10	Amtech	122½	+ 3	...	..
100½	90	9.18	Archer Dedicated	90	.	2.2	42.8
36½	7	6.40	Arlon Props	27	..	..	.
115	30	34.60	Ashurst	40	.	.	
262½	130	47.30	Ask Central	227½	+ 7½	0.3	35.1
69½	64½	1.22	Athelney Trust	67½	.	1.9	58.4
103½	69½	53.60	Avalon Oil	70½	..	.	.
144½	130½	40.90	BATM Adv Comms	131½	.	2.4	..
3¾	3½	2.57	Bakery Services	3½	..	...	19.1
59½	25	5.50	Barbican Health	28½	...	.	..
12½	6½	32.80	Barrasford	12¼	...	..	
3¼	2	3.78	Beechcroft	2	..	.	7.7
4½	2½	6.77	Beaufort	3½	.	2.4	19.4
44½	36½	5.58	Bickerton	36½	...	..	15.0
90	60	1.26	Billam	79	..	8.4	47.4
76½	50	4.45	Bilston Bttrsea	50	− 4	3.8	25.9
64	33½	25.80	Birmingham City	51½	− ½		...
80½	70½	7.54	Blakes Cloth	75½	.	2.4	8.2
205	145	1.44	Bowness Leis	205	.	3.1	7.6
62½	39½	8.84	Brancote Hldgs	50½	+ ½	..	...
95	85	3.74	Br Bloodstock	89	..	2.8	10.8
200	144½	20.10	CA Coutts Hldgs	190	− 2½	2.1	15.1
180	138½	10.80	C & B Publishing	150	..	.	13.8
109½	109½	0.12	CCI Founder Shs	109½	..	..	
190½	140½	1.36	CCI Hldgs	169½	+ 1	1.8	8.6
215	170	8.87	Cafe Inns	181	+ 1	2.1	17.0
70	55	8.00	Caledonian Tst	65	.	..	11.1
17½	9	2.50	Cambridge Min Res	11¼	..	...	..
51	29	41.50	Card Clear	45	+ 3	.	44.5
97½	52½	5.50	Carisbrooke Ship	54½	..	8.0	5.1
62	45	2.53	Cassidy Bros	46	+ 1	8.2	52.6
57½	42½	1.87	Cavendish W	42½	− 1	4.7	21.7
18	12	4.09	Celebrated Group	12¼	...	3.0	.
£550	£275	94.50	Celtic	£315	.	...	19.8
£450	£255	49.00	Celtic Pf Shs	£265		1.4	..
112½	96½	24.60	CI Comms(TV)	112½	+ 1¾	3.4	..
65	49½	11.30	Charlton Ath	51½	+ 1½	.	..
9	6¼	8.00	Charterhouse	8	..	.	16.7
37½	12½	1.44	Chartwell Intl	12½	.		...
170	101½	174.40	Chelsea Village	111½	+ 2	.	.
265	145	13.50	Chemical Design	205	+ 5	...	29.1
109½	92½	31.80	Citadel	96½	..	..	
110	105	0.94	Clan Homes	105	.	...	27.9
4½	2½	1.69	ClubPartners	4	...	..	..
152½	132½	16.60	Comino	150½	+ ½	1.9	13.9
587½	527½	13.50	Com de Prl Fin	562½		2.2	
120	109½	7.20	Computerland Uk	120		1.5	18.0
30	14	9.46	Concurrent Tech	19½	..	0.6	30.8
150	95	0.25	Conc Tech A Prf	100	...	..	...
150	95	0.20	Conc Tech B Prf	100	.	...	..
200	125	1.01	Conc Tech Rd Pf	150	...	.	
300	150	0.17	Conc Tech Cv Pf	225	..		...
41	31½	8.84	Conister Tst	40	+ ½	6.2	10.0
4½	2	7.02	Corporate Exec	4½	.	..	..
230	153½	42.40	Country Gdns	215	..	0.9	15.4
175	117½	4.74	Cntry Gdns Pf	155	..	8.1	.
37½	8½	4.49	Creos Intl	12½		..	
290	205	3.88	Crown Eye	242½	.	6.4	20.1
38½	2¾	1.76	Crown Products	3¾			9.4
22½	18½	1.03	Dalkeith Inns	21½			
137½	84½	7.29	David Glass	135	..	5.6	13.4
264½	120½	9.53	Dawn Til Dusk	257½	..	0.7	19.1
262½	180	121.90	Dawson Hdgs	215	.	2.8	20.7
17½	10½	7.18	Dean Corp	15½	..	4.8	7.5
174½	167½	10.80	Deep Sea Leisure	167½		..	41.3
3¼	2	3.55	Denmaster	2¾	− ¼	4.1	
460	315	40.60	Dicom	315	− 28	0.6	12.9
105½	89½	14.20	Digital Anmtn	96½			
101½	74½	8.57	Delyn Group	98½	+ 1	2.5	47.6
72½	39½	7.43	Dimatel	39½		..	
310	240	12.10	Dobbies Garden	252½	− 1½	2.2	14.7
148½	122½	12.90	Dragons Health	129½	+ 2	..	24.4
3¼	2	2.08	Drings of Bath	2¾			25.5
42½	30	3.38	Eagle	34½	− ½	..	
84	49½	14.70	Easynet	71½	+ 1		
462½	207½	96.00	Elec Retail Sys	455	+ 30	.	.
60½	27½	27.60	Electrophoretics	35½	− 1	.	.
52½	7½	3.38	Epic Multimedia	14½	+ ½	.	
65	45	11.60	Epicore Netwks	45	..		.
275	110	4.25	Eurasia Mining	115		.	
27	20	1.64	European Mng Fin	20	− 3	.	
2½	2½	0.03	European Mng Fin Wts	2½		..	
135	125	6.08	Euro Sales Fn	135	+ 10	...	14.4
3¾	3½	4.30	Fairplace Cons	3½	− ¼	..	13.6
350	140	4.55	Farlake	175	+ 5		
77½	47½	7.40	Fayrewood	52½		1.9	
191½	114	45.60	Fibernet	122½	− 1	.	
69½	34½	1.73	Fieldens	34½		.	
242½	205	6.51	Finl Publs	232½		.	8.1
14½	4½	1.12	First Infor	5½	..	.	
200	109½	46.30	Fitness First	168½	+ 13		60.6
230	110	2.99	Flomerics	115		3.3	56.3
292½	122½	3.80	Floral St	122½	− 7½	1.5	8.1
32½	22½	4.72	FNR Hldgs	22½	..		
152½	115½	12.30	Formscan	116½	− 2	3.5	11.7
114½	89½	9.99	Fountain Forestry	111		3.1	15.8
51¼	33¾	183.30	Freepages	37¼	+ ¼	..	..
180½	140½	10.70	Furlong Homes	179	+ 2	3.0	9.3
164½	75½	8.60	Future Int Telep	77½		.	..
296	129½	14.60	GB Railways	166	+ 29½		
65	52½	6.91	GR Hldgs	52½	.		41.6
55½	50½	16.30	Gall Thomson Env	52½		3.0	11.2
16¼	11½	43.10	Gander Hldgs	14½		.	
124½	82½	86.10	Gartland W&B	99	− 5	0.4	4.7
100	54½	90.50	Geo Int Media	90½	+ 1	...	
33½	12	33.00	Gold Mines Sard	25½	− ¾	...	
35	7	9.37	Gold Mns Sard Wts	17½	− ½	...	
127½	107½	61.60	Goshawk Insce	107½	− 3	..	
3½	2¾	3.00	Grosmont Hldgs	3	− ¼	...	
1¼	0½	1.50	Grosmont Hldgs Wts	1¼			.
15¼	11¼	1.59	Grosvenor Ltd	13	.	...	
163	140	36.50	Gulon	161½	.	3.6	11.9
8	5¾	2.78	Hansom	7¼	...		...
175	150	10.90	Hardy Undwig	150	.	1.7	24.5
80½	54½	3.28	Hat Pin	74½	− 1	4.6	11.9
325	275	6.83	Heawkee	325	.	2.7	15.1
275	245	11.60	Heavitree A	275		3.2	12.8
135	90½	5.43	Helicon Pub	92½	.		. .
262	110	16.00	Hercules Prop	250	− ½	1.2	
175	105	10.70	Highams Sys	120	.	.	16.7
127½	120½	9.95	Highland Timber	120½			..
75	65	1.12	Hurlingham	70	+ 3½	..	..
107½	81½	5.66	Hydro-Dynamic	84½	.	5.3	.
172½	57	12.70	IES	73½	− 9	2.0	45.8
135½	134½	6.47	I S Solutions	135½		1.6	16.5
89½	66½	20.60	Ind Bri Health	77		..	...
124½	55½	21.70	Indpl Energy	123½	+ 9	.	
133½	80	14.60	Indpl Radio	81½			..
203½	141½	46.40	Infobank Intl	185½	+ 5	.	.
74½	42½	14.50	Inner Workings	74½		.	...
125	102½	3.25	Integrd As Mgt	125		.	...
82½	25½	5.71	Intelligent Env	25½	− 3	.	...
110	42½	26.10	Internet Tech	85	− 4		...
151½	35½	16.30	Interoute Tele	55	+ 8½	2.3	13.8
362½	222½	47.20	Intl Greetings	357½			30.2
179½	59½	22.70	IOC Intl	92½	− 3		
164½	150½	7.15	ITG Group	162½	+ 10	.	26.8
155½	72½	6.38	Jardinere Ints	72½	.	..	10.9
131½	62½	5.33	Jasmin	130	..		

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347	290	25.00	Jennings Bros	338	..	2.8	22.2
4¼	3	4.84	J Lewis Hford	3½	...	..	16.9
62½	42½	7.05	Jordec	43½	...	..	.
5¼	2	4.63	Just Group	2½	...	..	22.1
132½	91½	49.00	KS Biomedix	115½	− ½	.	...
50½	47½	5.46	Kern River	47½	..	.	..
78	69½	7.78	Keystone Software	69½	..	.	..
35	28½		Keystone Wrts	28½	.	..	
177½	172½	17.20	Kingfisher Ls	177½	+ 1	1.4	14.8
130½	120	5.14	Lady in Leisure	122½	...	..	..
98	92½	4.23	Landround	95		4.3	16.7
132½	25½	8.54	La Senza	25½	− 7		.
150	85	18.00	Enterprises	97	+ 1	5.7	...
390	340	27.30	Lawrence	390	..	2.5	16.3
3550	3150	67.50	Lawrie Group	3550	...	2.6	11.8
94½	76½	6.95	Lepco	93½	+ 2	..	36.8
475	326	78.90	Le Riches Strs	475	+ 20	5.3	18.2
14	9	0.46	Life Numbers	9¼	..	...	.
4	2	0.06	Life Numbrs Wts	2	..		..
535	480	10.30	Loades	515	...	0.2	20.5
106½	40½	17.20	Loftus Road	43	+ 1½	..	.
12¾	4¾	1.52	Lon & Edin Publ	5	+ ¼		22.1
75	65	1.62	London Town	65	..	3.1	12.7
119½	112½	3.87	Longbridge Intl	115½	...	2.2	15.8
87½	34½	8.00	Loox	34½		...	...
3¼	1¼	3.89	Lotteryking	2¼	+ ½	..	76.5
7	0½	0.09	Lotteryking Wts	0½		..	..
88	41½	5.63	MMS Petroleum	46½	− 3½	.	...
27½	8½	6.05	Magnum Power	9½	− ½	...	...
290½	239½	35.90	Majestic Wine	282½	.	1.5	24.0
19½	9	6.15	Manx & O'seas	10¼	− 1	4.0	56.7
125	105	2.65	Matrix Hlthcare	115	..	6.5	18.5
13¼	10½	4.64	Mears Group	12½	...	3.0	11.5
24	13½	36.00	Medisys	21½	+ 2½	..	..
98½	75	51.00	Megalomedia	83	...	0.3	41.3
93½	70	0.81	Megalomedia Wts	73½	.	..	..
67½	39½	2.80	Metlak	40	...	7.8	29.5
65	22½	25.10	Memory Corp	39½	− 1½	..	..
165	45	3.19	Meteor Tech	45	..	..	..
75	28½	2.90	Meteor Tech Wts	30	...	...	.
60	46	5.10	Methven's	60	...	...	...
35	13	3.20	Metrodome	13	..	..	73.0
84½	57½	4.73	Mondas	77½	..	..	...
350	200	30.20	Moorepay	280	..	2.0	33.1
126½	88½	9.39	Mountcashel	123½	− 1½	...	
215	130	26.90	Mulberry Group	130	− 6½	1.4	22.2
40	2	0.86	MultiMedia	3	..	.	..
21	16	1.26	NECA	17	+ ¼	5.5	8.7
54½	44½	19.60	NMT	50	...	.	
72½	62½	1.31	NRP	62½	...	2.5	26.6
285	185	14.20	NWF Grp	185	.	5.4	10.8
220	190	13.30	Nash (Wm)	190	..	5.0	6.7
300	260	7.28	Neill Clerk	260	.	3.8	9.4
85½	45½	11.10	Netcall	73½	+ 3½	..	..
80½	75	1.52	Norhomes	80	.	..	24.8
50½	29½	6.47	Nthn Petlm	35	− 1	..	..
47½	38½	2.80	Northstar Sec	44½	− 1		...
20	3	0.40	Northstar Sec Wts	20	...	...	..
123	112½	48.80	Nursing Home	123	.	5.9	16.8
10½	1½	0.55	Omnimedia	2¼	..	...	.
97½	47½	1.70	On Line	51½	..	...	..
65½	32½	18.50	Oxford Biomedica	32½	− 2	..	..
3¾	1½	19.20	Pacific Media	1½	− ¼	...	...
69½	25	17.50	Pan Andean Res	40	− 3½	..	
245	220	5.76	Park Ests(Liv)	240	+ 3	4.7	23.5
23¾	13	8.14	Pembertons	17	− ½		..
57½	29	6.20	Personal No Co	40	− ½	...	...
123½	38½	34.00	Petra Diamonds	101½	.	...	...
94	13½	1.21	Petra Dmnds Wt	72½	.	...	.
137½	26½	11.70	Philippine Gd	27½	+ 1	...	...
70½	52½	12.40	Pilat Tech	57½	.	.	12.5
138½	97½	36.00	Polymasc Pharms	130	− 1½	...	
2¾	1¼	3.82	Pordum Foods	1¾	− ¼	.	52.4
1½	0¾	0.22	Pordum Fds Wts	1		...	...
22	13	8.57	Premier Asset Mgmt	13¾	− ½	..	48.4
3¼	2¼	3.64	Prestbury Leis	2¼	..	14.5	11.1
590	530	10.60	Preston Nth E	530		..	..
104½	102½	16.40	Primary Hlth Pr	102½	..	1.5	...
590	280	75.90	Prism Rad	301	+ 14½	..	..
64½	56½	9.07	Pycraft & Arnold	58	− ½	...	9.3
127½	107½	18.00	Q Group	107½	− 2	.	...
1265	945	342.00	Ramco Egy	1132½	− 5	0.1	..
110½	77½	15.60	Raphael Zrn	105½	.	2.4	9.5
127½	87½	15.00	Recycling Servs	92½	..	4.3	..
125	73½	10.50	Reflec	85	− 5½	.	
7¼	4¼	5.34	Revelation Plc	5¾	...	1.7	7.8
45	17½	21.70	Riceman Insce	33	..		37.0
99½	74½	5.07	Romtec	97½	...	1.9	20.9
2¼	1	1.92	Rushmere Wynne	1¼	..	..	..
1¼	0¾	0.07	Rush Wyn Wts	0¾			
120½	105½	7.85	SBS	110½	+ ½	2.7	19.4
182½	152½	19.30	SCi Ent	165	− 1½	.	15.4
42½	17½	4.84	SEA Multimedia	19½	+ 2		...
75½	62½	6.62	Sanctuary Music	67½	− 2	.	12.9
12½	5½	0.90	Scotswood Inds	7½	...	.	..
6	3¾	9.20	Screen	4½			18.6
350	235	11.50	Scruttons	240	+ 5	6.9	44.3
82	47½	9.26	Selector	47½	..		.
30½	17½	1.13	Self Sealing	19½	...		
177½	154½	12.20	Shalibane	172½	.	2.9	13.8
104½	74	4.64	Shelton (M)	87½	..	6.1	15.9
17½	12½	46.90	Sibir Energy	17½	+ 3½	..	
270	208½	39.90	Sinclair Montrs	242	− 3	..	39.9
4½	2¼	8.23	Sira Bus Serv	3¼	+ ¼	1.8	17.0
1½	1	0.24	Sira Bus Wts	1¼	.	..	...
3¾	1	10.10	Snakeboard	1½	+ ¼	..	...
110½	99½	11.10	Soccer Inv	110½		..	..
84½	79½	5.01	Solid State Sp	79½	...	4.7	19.6
34½	26½	2.73	Soundtracs	27	..	5.6	8.1
6½	4¼	6.89	South Beach Cafe	4¼	..		.
783	619½	176.70	Southern News	727	− 18	3.1	23.6
72½	65½	13.40	Southern Vectis	67½	...	3.9	14.0
284	173½	32.40	Statware	279	− 1	0.4	36.5
635	427½	86.40	Stanford Rook	447½	− 25	...	
177½	127½	14.90	Stentor	127½	− 7½	..	.
54½	37½		Stentor Wts	37½	− 8½	..	
85½	77½	13.50	Style Hldgs	85½	+ 1	2.2	11.5
155	127	14.70	Sutton Harbour	146½	− 2½	2.9	21.0
22	5	1.47	Syst Integ Rsch	11	.	..	...
23	17	3.69	TDS Circuits	17½			8.1
97½	60	9.72	Theo Fennell	60	− 5	..	17.5
14	6¾	13.90	Thomas Potts	7¾	− ¼	1.7	23.2
32½	22½	2.09	Tom Hoskins	27½	+ 3½	.	
158½	142½	22.90	Total Office	142½	.	4.2	6.9
675	375	31.00	TRACKER Netwk	585	− 30		37.5
127	55	28.80	Tradepoint Fcl	123½	+ 1	.	
167	145	5.22	Trinity Care	145	.	4.3	31.1
170	170	1.50	Trinity Care Pf	170	+ 3½	5.5	...
60½	17¾	101.90	Trocadero	20	.	.	...
40	38	3.46	Univent	38			21.0
397½	317½	5.71	Utd Auctions	317½	.	3.5	8.5
280	120	15.20	VDC	145	+ 10	4.6	13.1
46	20¾	116.10	Versailles Grp	46	+ 2	1.1	33.4
53	45	88.10	Victory Corp	46½	− ½	..	.
242½	45	1.57	Viewinn	45	.	...	...
250	220	6.44	Voss Net	230	...	.	.
88½	48¾	22.90	Waterfall	65½	− ½	..	16.0
34	27	5.99	Watermark	31½	...	3.2	11.3
32	9½	11.60	Wedderburn Secs	18½	+ 1½		.
7	5	7.25	Weeks Group	5½	...	2.3	9.9
115	75	3.48	West 175 Enter	85	...	..	...
£280	£130	11.70	West Bromwich	£160	...	.	24.7
12½	10½	4.75	Western Selectn	11	...	...	43.7
4½	4½	0.28	Western Sel Wts	4½	.	...	.
140½	44½	12.00	Westmount Engy	107½	− 3	.	..
90½	80½	4.25	Whitecross	88½	...	..	.
245	181½	37.30	Whitford Chelsea	227½	+ 23	1.7	.
91	45½	8.54	W'chester M Md	70	...	..	.
197	168	38.00	World Telecom	175	+ 2	..	
135	120	4.32	Wynnstay Props	135	+ 3	4.6	17.3
12	8½	5.25	Xavier Comp	8¾	.		9.8
157½	101½	4.87	Yeoman	101½	...	..	
300	280	25.80	Zergo	280		..	..
29½	6½	1.73	Zicor Mining	7½	..	..	

Adrian Batten's shareholding will drop to about 14 per cent from 28 after flotation

Aran seeks £5m to develop

By Paul Durman

ARAN SOFTWARE is hoping to raise £5 million to develop its business by floating on the Alternative Investment Market.

Aran, which is 55 per cent owned by Friends Provident, produces software development tools and management information software. It claims its latest range of development tools, Sea-Change New Horizon, are the most flexible available. Adrian Batten, whose 28 per cent stake will fall to about 14 per cent after the flotation, said: "Any applications written in this environment will run any computer using any database under any operating system, which is a tremendous advantage."

Aran, which hopes to be valued at about £15 million, made a £400,000 loss on sales of £2.6 million in the year to March, but is forecasting an £18,000 profit on sales of £4.2 million this year.

Tesco set to deliver in London

Tesco is stealing a lead in the battle to establish supermarket home-shopping with the roll-out of its experimental service throughout the Greater London area.

Customers can order products by phone, fax or the Internet for a £5 delivery charge. The group aims to take the scheme national.

Iceland is launching a trial telephone order service in Edinburgh, expanding to northeast England next month.

Stress placing

NM Rothschild is arranging a £10 million private placing of shares in Ultramind, a UK/Israeli company which makes computer packages designed to help people overcome stress using fingertip sensors. Boots is to start selling the software for between £45 and £99.

MBA link

Arthur Andersen, the accountant, has linked with Manchester and Warwick Business Schools to offer part-time MBAs to managers and partners. About 10 per cent of Andersen's UK workforce has applied.

Lloyd's move

Aberdeen Nomina has attracted 145 names representing £62 million and Stace Barr Angerstein 90 names representing £33 million in two schemes which will allow Lloyd's names to convert from unlimited to limited liability.

Dunlop cash

CinVen has invested £3 million to provide additional working capital to Dunlop Slazenger, the sports goods firm bought out from BTR.

Block remains on debt relief

GERMANY continued to block British efforts to move ahead on debt relief for the world's poorest countries at a series of weekend meetings.

German officials continue to have fundamental concerns about the highly indebted country initiative which Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, has been pushing hard in both the Group of Seven and the International Monetary Fund.

British debt relief campaigners pointed the finger at Japan and America too for blocking the initiative. Ann Pettifor, of the Jubilee 2000 group, estimated that 21 million children would die by the millennium if the initiative were not speeded up.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.34	2.16
Austria Sch	21.08	19.42
Belgium Fr	62.08	57.12
Canada $	2.362	2.174
Cyprus Cyp£	0.887	0.815
Denmark Kr	11.45	10.56
Finland Mkk	9.07	8.32
France Fr	10.06	9.28
Germany Dm	3.02	2.78
Greece Dr	477	438
Hong Kong $	13.29	12.09
Iceland	128	108
Ireland Pt	1.14	1.05
Israel Shk	5.95	5.30
Italy Lira	2959	2722
Japan Yen	211.03	193.50
Malta	0.665	0.606
Netherlds Gld	3.404	3.109
New Zealand $	2.70	2.46
Norway Kr	12.23	11.29
Portugal Esc	302.53	280.50
S Africa Rd	8.25	7.29
Spain Pta	252.29	233.50
Sweden Kr	13.07	11.97
Switzerland Fr	2.50	2.28
Turkey Lira	285379	265501
USA $	1.716	1.573

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6080 (-0.0003)
German mark
2.8486 (+0.0019)
Exchange index
100.2 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

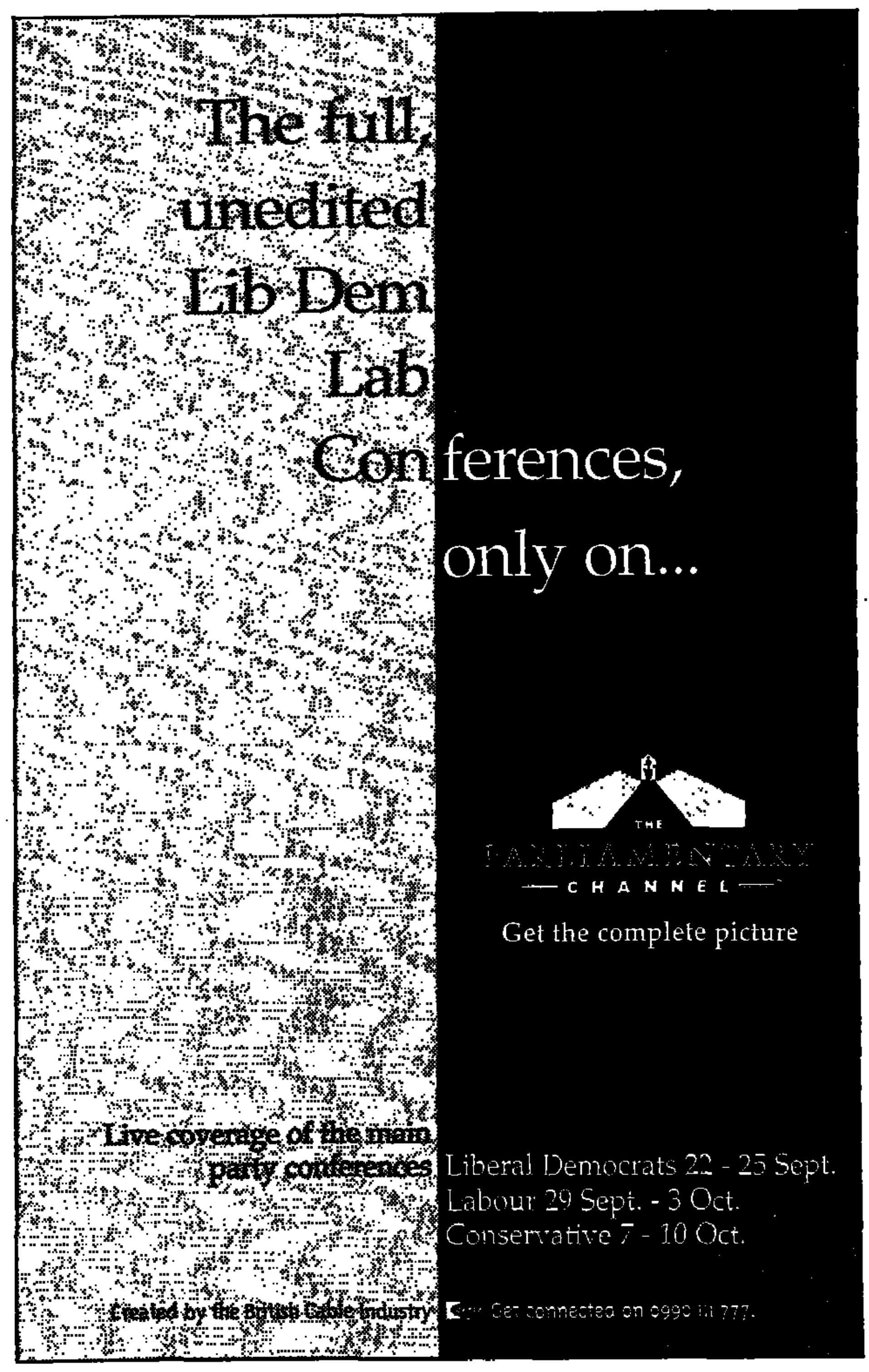
STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
3245.6 (+112.0)
FTSE 100
5023.8 (+175.6)
New York Dow Jones
7917.27 (+174.3)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
18058.21 (+92.41)

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	100		8.75	
830	Exch 15% 1997	100[illegible]	− [illegible]	14.89	6.83
800	Treas 4¾% 1998	115½	+ [illegible]	4.00	6.86
3,560	Exch 9¾% 1998	100[illegible]	− [illegible]	9.67	6.96
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	100[illegible]	.	7.24	7.07
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	104[illegible]	− ½	13.41	6.94
935	Treas 15½% 1998	108[illegible]	− [illegible]	14.32	7.00
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	105[illegible]	− [illegible]	11.39	7.01
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	103[illegible]	− [illegible]	9.22	6.93
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	107[illegible]		11.40	6.96
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	105[illegible]		9.96	6.93
6,950	Treas 6% 1999	98[illegible]	+ [illegible]	6.09	6.84
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	106[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.62	6.93
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	104[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.60	6.90
9,800	Treas 8% 2000	103[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.75	6.84
109	Treas 8½% 2000	103[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.23	6.92
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	115[illegible]	+ [illegible]	11.29	6.93
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	109[illegible]	+ ½	9.15	6.88
12,750	Treas 7% 2001	100[illegible]	+ [illegible]	6.95	6.84
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
7,500	Treas 7% 2002	101	+ [illegible]	6.93	6.74
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	111[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.71	6.84
8,600	Treas 8% 2003	105½	+ [illegible]	7.57	6.77
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	115½	+ [illegible]	8.67	6.83
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	114 ‡	+ [illegible]	10.09	6.91
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	88[illegible]	+1	3.96	5.59
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	115[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.25	6.76
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	100[illegible]	+1[illegible]	6.74	6.72
10,373	Treas 8½% 2005	110[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.66	6.73
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	115[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.19	6.75
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.76	6.83
11,700	Treas 7½% 2006	105[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.12	6.71
4,080	Treas 7¾% 2006	106[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.27	6.75

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
2,050	Treas 8% 2002-06	104[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.66	6.92
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.67	6.84
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	112[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.56	6.74
7,000	Treas 7¼% 2007	104[illegible]	+1[illegible]	6.96	6.67
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	117[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.65	6.71
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	110[illegible] ‡	+2	7.24	6.72
LONGS (over 15 years)					
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	95½	+2	6.52	6.71
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	120[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.48	6.71
5,360	Treas 9% 2012	121[illegible] ‡	+2[illegible]	7.43	6.72
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	90[illegible]	+1[illegible]	6.09	6.52
6,100	Treas 8% 2013	112[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.11	6.70
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	109[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.09	6.73
13,787	Treas 8% 2015	114[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.00	6.63
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	122[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.13	6.67
15,000	Tr 8% 2021	116[illegible]	+3[illegible]	6.86	6.59
UNDATED					
1,909	War Ln 3½%	52[illegible]	+1[illegible]	6.68	
475	Treas 2½%	36[illegible]	+1[illegible]	6.81	
359	Consols 4%	58	+2[illegible]	6.90	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of.				10%	5%
2,150	Treas IL 2½% 2001	189[illegible] ‡	+1[illegible]	2.74	3.47
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2003	186[illegible]	+1[illegible]	2.94	3.45
1,150	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	120[illegible]	+1[illegible]	2.99	3.43
2,350	Treas IL 2% 2006	197[illegible]	+2[illegible]	3.08	3.42
2,625	Treas IL 2½% 2009	179[illegible]	+2[illegible]	3.10	3.38
3,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	186[illegible]	+2[illegible]	3.14	3.38
3,750	Treas IL 2½% 2013	154[illegible]	+2[illegible]	3.17	3.38
3,725	Treas IL 2½% 2016	165[illegible]	+3	3.19	3.38
3,700	Treas IL 2½% 2020	159[illegible]	+3[illegible]	3.24	3.40
3,750	Treas IL 2½% 2024	132[illegible]	+3[illegible]	3.25	3.39
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	130[illegible]	+3[illegible]	3.24	3.39



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Michel Bon should be able to make France Télécom more dynamic after its partial sale by the French Government, but the state will keep control

The privatisation that dare not speak its name

The French Government finds selling state firms a bit of a wrench, and analysts reckon Lionel Jospin is failing France's long-term needs, says **Adam Sage**

Six months ago. Lionel Jospin said that he was opposed to privatisations, and against European monetary union if it meant more austerity.

"His view has not changed," an aide to the French Prime Minister said last week. "But he has discovered reality and it is not exactly what he foresaw."

The aide is right. M Jospin remains wedded to the socialist principles that he espoused before coming to power in June. Yet he has grudgingly accepted that without a minimum of reforms, France will miss out on Europe's single currency, burden its industry and fail to reduce its chronic unemployment, which stands above three million.

The markets are unenthusiastic about M Jospin and sceptical about France's long-term prospects. However, they are relieved that the left-wing Cabinet, which includes Communist and Green ministers, has abandoned at least some of its dogma.

Today, for example, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the Finance Minister, will launch the sale of a minority stake in France Télécom, the state telecommunications group. On Wednesday, the Government will produce a tax-raising budget that should smooth France's path to the euro. And later this month, it will start a process that will result in the transfer of Thomson-CSF, the defence electronics group, to the private sector.

One analyst in Paris said: "There is a gap of about 15 per cent between French equities and other equities, which can be explained by apprehension over government policy. However, it's not going as badly as we feared."

The France Télécom sale illustrated the point, she said. Whereas other European nations are privatising telecommunications, ready for liberalisation next year, M Jospin is determined to keep control of the French group. He will float 20 per cent of the shares on the stock market, and sell another 3 to 4 per cent to Télécom's 150,000 employees and 7.5 per cent to Deutsche Telekom. After a share issue, the French state will be left with about 63 per cent of Télécom.

The move should raise about Fr40 billion (£4 billion). The money will be used to prop up ailing nationalised concerns as GAN, the insurance group, and Thomson's consumer electronics subsidiary, Thomson Multi-media, both of which need an urgent Fr11 billion cash injection.

"This policy is exasperating," said Andrew Clearfield, manager of TIAA-CREF, the US pension fund. "The Government is prepared to float companies on the stock market to raise money, but does not want to hand power to shareholders."

Other analysts, however, are more phlegmatic, arguing that M Jospin has done just enough to allow France Télécom to compete with its rivals, including Cegetel, a subsidiary of Générale des Eaux that is allied to BT. "International investors will back the sale, but they are prudent," said a trader in Paris.

France Télécom is reasonably well placed. Its chairman, Michel Bon, was able to report half-yearly profits of Fr8.9 billion this month, the firm controls the French domestic market and it enjoys a decent enough reputation. The sale should pave the way for an alliance with Deutsche Telekom and enable M Bon to pursue his aim of making his company more dynamic.

A government source said that M Jospin, who expressed vehement opposition when the previous centre-right administration announced the partial privatisation of Télécom last year, had "realised *the firm was a sitting duck* without reform".

When the Thomson-CSF file arrives on his gold-leafed desk this month, M Jospin is likely to reach a similar conclusion. One of his first moves after forming his Socialist-led Government was to end the privatisation procedure begun by his predecessor, Alain Juppé, who wanted to hand control of the defence electronics concern to Alcatel Alsthom or Lagadère.

Yet M Strauss-Kahn convinced M Jospin that unless the company were sold, it would be left behind as the rest of the European defence industry, including GEC and British Aerospace, forged ahead with restructuring.

The result is likely to be a privatisation that dare not speak its name. Alcatel and Lagadère, perhaps with other French defence groups, will be given shares in Thomson-CSF in return for providing money or assets. The Government, which now owns 58 per cent of the company, will become a minority shareholder, although it will retain a "decisive stake", according to M Strauss-Kahn.

At no time have he or M Jospin used the word "privatisation" when discussing the deal, and nor are they likely to.

"They are being pragmatic, given the political constraints they have to deal with," said Dennis Branche, a financial analyst with Crédit Lyonnaise Securities in Paris. "But I'm afraid that nothing good will come of this. Who is going to control Thomson-CSF? Where is decision-making going to take place? If these questions are not resolved from the beginning, the future of the company will not be guaranteed."

The same doubts hang over Air France after the resignation of its flamboyant chairman, Christian Blanc. In the four years he was in charge of the state-owned airline, he had transformed it from a strike-ridden, loss-making concern with accumulated debts of Fr35 billion into a profitable company.

The next step was privatisation, he believed, pointing out that the European Commission had authorised a Fr20 billion subsidy for the group on condition it was sold off.

Yet under pressure from his Communist allies, the Prime Minister refused to shed more than 49 per cent of Air France, precipitating M Blanc's theatrical departure earlier this month. The former chairman of Air France's domestic subsidiary, Air Inter, has now been appointed to succeed M Blanc.

"This was all part of a general deal with the Communists, who got Air France in return for keeping quiet on other issues," said James Cornish of NatWest Markets. "For the markets, it's a reasonable deal, but not a brilliant one."

Many traders share this view, comparing the French Prime Minister with his British counterpart. They say that if Tony Blair can claim to be preparing Britain for the 21st century, *M Jospin is doing* no more than muddle through the end of the 20th century.

"A lot of stuff that the French Government has pushed through is a step backwards," said Steven Englander, international economist with Smith Barney in Paris. "But, so far, he has managed to keep everyone more or less happy."

He said that by agreeing to limited privatisations, M Jospin had achieved a difficult balance between the conflicting demands of the Communist Party and of the markets. And, with economic growth likely to reach 3 per cent next year, he may even be able to point to a fall in France's seemingly incurable unemployment total.

M Jospin should also be able to claim credit for French participation in a European single currency. By abandoning his more expensive election pledges and raising corporation and capital gains tax, and with the help of an unexpectedly high growth rate this year, the Prime Minister has been able to guide the French public deficit towards the 3 per cent ceiling imposed on those countries wanting to join EMU.

In his budget on Wednesday, M Strauss-Kahn is likely to maintain public expenditure in line with inflation, to raise taxes, notably on income from savings, and to reduce welfare payments to middle-income families. In so doing, he will be able to announce that France *is set to hit the Maastricht* target next year, ensuring that it will be among the first wave of countries to adopt the euro.

"There may be a lot of political excitement along the way, but there is a high probability that the single currency will start on time and that France will participate," said Mr Englander. "The fact that EMU looks more like a reality will, itself, boost confidence in France."

However, Mr Englander believes that M Jospin is *failing to prepare his country* for the long term. "What happens when the next economic slowdown comes?" he says. "That's when being nimble is really important, and that's when French companies could be caught out again."

In other words, the French Prime Minister needs a further dose of reality.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn feared for Thomson-CSF

They can't get no satisfaction

Cutting Edge
The Complainers

Tomorrow 9.00pm

TELEVISION CHOICE

A war-winning rifle

Decisive Weapons
BBC2, 8.00pm

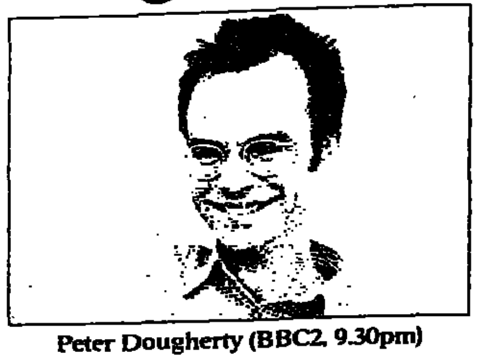
For one who doesn't know a pistol from a peashooter this historical series has been a revelation. Nothing gung-ho about it, unless you count the rousing reconstructions of old battles — more palatable in paint than in grizzly photographs and newsreels. *Lock, Stock and Barrel* is the story of the Springfield rifle . . . Cue the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863, turning point of the American Civil War. It was indeed decisive — the Springfield won the Union Army its great victory and "changed the face of war for ever" by replacing the flintlock smooth-bore musket with a long spiral groove which twisted the new spherical bullet for far greater speed and accuracy. Says one military boffin: "You pointed a smooth-bore but you *aimed* a rifle."

Wing and A Prayer
Channel 5, 10.00pm

Think *This Life*, *LA Law* and most recently *The Practice* and you've got a fair idea of what makes this latest series tick. The channel may call it "the first original British drama to lift the lid on the legal profession" and it is written by a former barrister (Matthew Hall) but this first of six episodes looks all too familiar. It's predictably slick, sexy and fast moving but the two or three cases it covers per episode are clearly defined by the courtroom scenes which link the background dramas. Kate Buffery stars as Amanda Dankworth "the feistiest advocate in the north west" and tonight the five chirpy barristers of Salthouse Chambers find themselves coping with a sinister gang of black drug dealers, an alleged paedophile, and a deranged doctor who keeps threatening to kill himself (although one is never quite sure why). Promising.

Equinox: Fighting the G-Force
Channel 4, 9.00pm

We've been this way before but never so vividly. Fighting the G-Force details, with horrendous film of top gun fighter pilots trying to stay conscious at up to nine G (nine times the force of gravity), just how far along the road science has come to keep these men (and in the US since 1993, women) in the cockpit. They now wear amazing inflatable suits which squeeze upper body muscles to keep the blood flowing to the brain. They do fierce anaerobic exercises and — sensibly you would think — in Germany they are screened for their resistance to G-force the moment they apply for the Luftwaffe. But, from the pilots' point of view there is a downside. Research is looking at computerised fighter planes without a pilot in sight.



Peter Dougherty (BBC2, 9.30pm)

Picture This: Life on Air
BBC2, 9.30pm

Peter Dougherty is "Senior VP Creative on Air" and as such has more than 700 rather earnest, trying to look cool, young people working for him. In ordinary parlance this crisp no-nonsense New Yorker is Creative Director of MTV Europe and for non-satellite viewers that's the immensely successful music station which screens such nuggets as *Xcceleralor* and *Live'n'Loud*. But film-maker/reporter/performance artist Annie Griffin is not so much interested in the music than as how Mr D and his team choose the talent and encourage the film-makers who supply the sometimes startling animation between the music sequences. "This imaging between the music is where young animators get their breaks", he says. According to Rachel Purnell, MTV's Senior VP for Production and Programming "this kind of broadcasting is the future". Griffin's film shows how she just might be right. **Elizabeth Cowley**

RADIO CHOICE

Start The Week
Radio 4, 9.05am

If there was such a thing as a preview tape of *Start the Week*, the programme would not be what it is. Presenter Melvyn Bragg is apt to be prickly when people make snide remarks about the number of plugs on the programme, but we only do this to put Bragg in a bad mood. In truth *Start The Week* is great listening, especially so this morning for the main guest is Norman Mailer, who was flying over from New York last night. In a truly civilised society, tickets for Bragg versus Mailer would be sold out while Oasis played in half-empty pubs. The subject is Mailer's "autobiography" of Jesus, *The Gospel According to The Son*. Mailer is also inteviewed by Richard Coles for *Night Waves* tomorrow night.

Football Legends
Radio 5 Live, 7.30pm

This is not the kind of programme that normally appeals to me because there is so little left to say about most of the people who feature in it. But this series, of which this is the second programme, is painstaking enough in its research and diligent enough in its questioning to become an exception to the rule. Geoff Hurst is the subject tonight, producing a rather neat piece of juxtapositioning: Jimmy Greaves featured last week, and it was Greaves who was dropped to make way for Hurst in England's 1966 World Cup winning team. Hurst was and is a self-effacing man whose hat-trick against the then West Germany gave him the status of a legend. He wears that status with a modesty others could learn from. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley. Includes **12.30pm** Newsbeat and a live session by Robbie Williams in Maida Vale **2.00** Nicky Campbell. Includes the Teasingly Topical Triple Tracker **4.00** Mark Goodier **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session. Includes live sessions by Angelica and Hurricane No1 **8.30** Live Music Update with Briggy Smale **8.40** Andy Kershaw. Includes a live session by Bayete **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs **1.00am** Clive Warren **4.00** Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **8.00** Malcolm Laycock with Big Band Era and Dance Band Days **9.00** Big Band Special: BBC Big Band under Barry Forge **9.30** Hayes Over Britain **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme with Jane Garvey **9.00** The Magazine with Brian Hayes **12.00** Midday with Mar **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five. Sybil Ruscoe chats to a special guest **4.00** Nationwide with John Inverdale **7.00** News Extra with Valerie Sanderson **7.30** Football Legends. See Choice **8.00** The Monday Match. Liverpool v Aston Villa. Simon Hill introduces Premiership action from Anfield **10.00** News Talk **11.00** News Extra with Valerie Sanderson **12.00** After Hours with Paul Hemott and Sheila McClennon **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp **5.00** Morning Reports

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen with the Breakfast Show **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **9.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** A Step Too Far **7.30** Omnibus **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf: Red Dwarf **8.30** The Vintage Chart Show **9.00** News, News in German (648 only) **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** International, Question Time **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Ends of the World **10.30** Britain Now **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Omnibus **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Jazzmatazz **1.00** News, News in German (648 only) **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Chill Out **4.00** World News **4.05** Sports Roundup **4.15** Encyclopedia Historica **4.30** Pop the Question **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Seven Days; News in German (648 only) **6.45** Sport **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Brain of Britain **8.00** News **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack Hit List **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Dreams of Leaving **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack Hit List **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** See It My Way **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Seven Days **2.45** Home is Where the Hatred is **3.00** Newsday **3.30** On Screen **4.00** News **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today **5.00** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly. Includes Hall of Fame Hour **1.00pm** Listener Request Hour with Jane Jones **2.00** Concerto. Viotti (Violin Concerto No 1 in C) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Dussek (Harp Sonata) **8.00** Evening Concert. Grieg (In Autumn Overture); Haydn (The Seasons — Autumn); Chaminade (Autumn); Respighi (Autumn Poem). Verdi (The Four Seasons) **10.00** Jane Markham **2.00am** Concerto (r) **3.00** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ and Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Mozart (Flute and Harp Concerto in C); Bach (Partita No 1 in B flat), Saint-Saëns (Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso). Chopin (Scherzo in E, Op 54). Gounod (Ave Maria); Prokofiev (Romeo and Juliet, excerpts)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes Grieg (Lyric Pieces); Brahms (Serenade No 1 in D)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Nicola Heywood Thomas. Includes Walton (Portsmouth Point); Mozart (Mi Tradi Quell'alma Ingrata); Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 4 in C minor); Sallinen (Four Dream Songs); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor, Pathetique). Klami (Ragtime and Blues)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Ildebrando Pizzetti

1.00pm News; From St John's. A concert given last year from Smith Square in London by Michala Petri, recorder, Lars Hannibal, guitar/lute. Attrib Bach (Sonata in C); Telemann (Fantasies: No 3 in B minor, No 7 in D), Koppel (Nele's Dances); Scheindienst (Variations on an Austrian Folk Tune); Grieg (Comic Dance; Peasant's Song; Elves' Dance; Cradle Song) (r)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis. With Heinrich Schiff, cello. Berlioz (Overture Beatrice and Benedict); Maw (Variations for Orchestra); Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor); Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E minor)

4.00 Music Matters, with Ivan Hewett. This week, a new book about Diaghilev; the San Francisco Opera House re-opens, music making in Manchester; the Diva as an icon (r)

4.45 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson and Verity Sharp try their hand at recording and producing a CD called *Hypothetically Speaking*. Plus the jazz band called the Sloane Square Syncopators explain the art of performing in a studio

5.00 In Tune, with Sean Rafferty. Includes the classical Top Ten in Sydney and an interview with the conductor Sir Charles Mackerras as he prepares for the opening of Mozart's *La Clemenza di Tito* with the Welsh National Opera

7.30 Performance on 3. Ildebando Pizzetti's opera *Debora e Jaele*, based on the Old Testament story of the war between the Israelites and their oppressors, the Canaanites. With Carol Sparrow, mezzo, Izabela Klosinska, soprano, Daniel Galvez-Vallejo, tenor, Leipzig Opera Chorus, Netherlands Radio Choir and Symphony Orchestra under Gabriel Chmura

10.00 Postscript. Ron Berglas reads from stories by William Faulkner set in a mythical Mississippi county (1/5)

10.20 Britten. Steven Doane and Barry Snyder, piano. Britten (Cello Sonata)

10.45 Iconoclassics. Peter Nelson explores the world of computer music with the composer Trevor Wishart, including music by voice-synthesis pioneer Charles Dodge, Paul Lansky, Jonathan Harvey, Jean-Claude Risset and Wishart's Vox5

11.30 Composer of the Week: Muzio Clementi *(r)*

12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather celebrates Wynton Marsalis's career as a composer

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod.

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.45** A Boy at the Hogarth Press. Jamie Glover reads Richard Kennedy's memoirs based on the diary he kept when, as a callow 16-year-old, he started working for Leonard and Virginia Woolf in the heart of Bloomsbury **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week. See Choice

10.00 News; Battling with the Past (FM) Ronald Hutton and guests look at how Florence Nightingale got her first name

10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray

11.30 Money Box Live, with Vincent Duggleby

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker

12.25pm Round Britain Quiz. Northern Ireland v Wales in the cryptic quiz chaired by Nick Clarke **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke at the Liberal Democrats' conference and James Cox in London

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Broad Canvasses, by Nigel Baldwin. Sue Johnston star as a journalist investigating the mysterious death of a student. With Martin Troakes and Hugh Dickson (r)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor with guests, topical discussion and lively features

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Lynne Walker talks to the poet Simon Armitage as a new selection of his poems is published, and sees a new production of *An Enemy of the People* at the National Theatre directed by Trevor Nunn

4.45 Short Story: Labels, by Louis de Bernières. Read by Kerry Shale. An obsessive collector of cat food labels triumphs over his affliction

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 News Quiz (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Points of Reference. A look at the main points of the compass and what they mean to us. Written and presented by Simon Armitage. (2/4) (r)

7.45 The Monday Play: The Last Bus Home, by Gill Adams. Six school children decide to take action after the the murder of their friend (r)

9.15 No Man Is an Island. Fergal Keane visits war-torn Rwanda (2/4) (r)

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Loitering with Intent. Muriel Spark's comic novel, abridged by Neville Teller and read by Anna Massey (1/10)

11.00 Being American. Simon Parkes meets public-spirited volunteers whose efforts make up eight percent of the GNP (2/4) (r)

11.30 Bertie and the Crime of Passion, by Peter Lovesey. Dramatised by Geoffrey M. Matthews. Bertie the Prince of Wales is bewildered by the lack of a motive for the Moulin Rouge murder. With Robert Lang and Jane Lapotaire (3/4) (r)

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Light in August. Ed Bishop reads the first part of William Faulkner's novel set in in his native Mississippi (1/12) (r)

12.48 Shipping Forecast (LW) 1.00 As World Service

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One thematic way to mark an anniversary

Michael Jackson, now of Channel 4 but lately of BBC2 is, all other fine points aside, a television obsessive. He *knows* things about television, anorakish things about those 1970s series which are so completely forgotten by the rest of us that they don't even show up on UK Gold masquerading as Classic British Comedy. Who else but a true television train-spotter would have started the tradition of regularly turning his channel over to the sort of theme evenings that people miss the semi-finals of pub quiz leagues to stay home and watch?

On Saturday BBC2 had, as far as I know, the first theme evening since Jackson left, and from 9pm to some time after I went to bed at midnight it was **Radio 1 Night**, celebrating exactly 30 years of the BBC Light Programme being revamped in a desperate attempt to sink pirate radio. Or, more accurately, 29 years 50 weeks and five days, given that the real anniversary isn't until the end of the month.

It may well be that this was something that Jackson got going before he left, but I doubt it. Rather it had the flaccid smack of corporate planning about it — a third-floor memo from somebody in Radio Scheduling to his opposite number in Television Scheming, asking if there was a window in his early autumn calendar in which to do the right thing by the struggling radio station.

Take, for instance, **One-Hit Wonders**, which was what purported to be a celebration of acts which got into the Top Ten once and were never heard of again but which was, for the most part, a celebration of slick session musicians with an eye for a fast buck.

It was a good idea. Everyone likes a where-are-they-now slot, and everyone likes to be reminded of the musical dross they actually spent money on in 1975. I didn't even mind too much discovering that I could still remember all the words to *Tell Laura I Love Her, Spirit in The Sky, Grandad* and even to *Love Grows Open Brackets Where My Rosemary Goes Close Brackets*.

The trouble was that this wasn't a where-are-they-now show but a where-were-they-then one, with tubby gents in neatly pressed slacks recalling how they walked into a recording studio for the first — and last — time. And although it turns out that Arthur Brown — as in The Crazy World Of — ended up as a painter and decorator, I wanted to know how come the man who sang on both *Gimme Dat Ting* and *Love Grows Open Brackets* can afford such a sprauncey estate in which to be interviewed, and whether Renato of Renée and Renato, the Italian former waiter who warbled *Save Your Love* in 1982, is back twisting the giant peppermill again.

REVIEW

John Diamond

The big event of the night, though, was **The Radio 1 Story**, a "rocumentary" as the BBC press office had it, in the unironic voice of Smashy and Nicey. This was full of laid-back portentousness — "Pop music had already been to the party of parties and was recovering from the hangover of the Summer of Love" — voice-overed by David Essex, and anecdotes told by the Grecian 2000 set about their younger selves.

In truth most of the best stories were told by John Peel and his sometime producer John Walters who, had it been left to me, would have been given the hour to themselves. Tony Blackburn is famously and mesmerically awful, but I can only take so much of a man saying of 1967 "I look back on it now and it seems like a dream world", when it's obviously the case that last Thursday seems pretty much like a dream world to him, too.

Tellingly, it was only John Peel who appeared with an unfinished dateline on his on-screen caption: he was John Peel (DJ 1967 —) while everyone else from the original line-up is now on Radio 2 or, worse, in local radio. And more tellingly still it turns out that the music revolutions of the 1970s weren't the result of creative endeavour or public demand but because of a woman who at the time looked like one of the Bond baddies and who ran the Radio One Playlist committee, explaining that Jimi Hendrix was probably "too strident" for the *Jimmy Young Prog*.

Once the Blackburns and the Edmonds had left the station and been replaced by a procession of identically jocular men whose names escape me for the moment, *The Radio One Story* lost its edge.

At one point Matthew Bannister, the current controller, managed to describe his relationship with Chris Evans as "creative" and sound as if the word had four sets of quotation marks around it, but generally the rocumentary missed the main point, which was that Radio 1 was never cool, never cutting edge, never really very near where it was at. With a few exceptions, Radio 1 always has been the BBC turning up at the student party and asking who's for the fruit punch and the hotdogs, then.

The whole of the evening was interspersed with Simon Bates — still an awesome voice — doing celebrity **Our Tunes**, in one of which Neil Hamilton described his meeting with Christine as like Lauren Bacall coming on in a Humphrey Bogart movie, which shows the man does have a sense of humour after all.

And for the last hour, Chris Evans's own cameras followed Chris Evans and his team around the West Country in what purported to be a history of the Radio 1 Road Show but was no more than an excuse to laugh at some sad, E.L. Whisty characters who also followed the Road Show, and to marvel that Radio 1 had ever let Evans go.

● *Matthew Bond is away*

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (39483)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (98852919)

9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (2790716)

9.30 Style Challenge (1538716)

9.55 Kilroy (T) (5587377)

10.35 Change That *from Cheltenham* (1660803)

11.00 News (T) and weather (4869071)

11.05 Liberal Democrat Party Conference Featuring a debate on the economy (27562006)

1.00pm News (T) and weather (37938)

1.30 Regional News (17417071)

1.40 The Weather Show (87372984)

1.45 Neighbours (T) (77223464)

2.10 Quincy (r) (9340993)

3.00 Through the Keyhole (2551)

3.30 Playdays (8266919) **3.50** Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes (1693532) **4.05** Little Mouse on the Prairie (4759716) **4.25** The All-New Popeye Show (3730025) **4.35** Goosebumps (6764648) **5.00** Newsround (T) (9096984) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (5058280)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (785377)

6.00 News (T) and weather (777)

6.30 Regional News (667)

7.00 This is Your Life Michael Aspel surprises another personality with the big red book (T) (4532)

7.30 Here and Now The campaign to make the practice of driving while using a mobile phone illegal; and the Williams Fairey Brass Band attempts to get into the pop charts (T) (551)

8.00 EastEnders The Fowlers arrive in Ireland, Pauline is in for a surprise while Ruth meets a dashing stranger (T) (3280)

8.30 A Prince Among Men Gary's plans to turn Ferny Heath Church into a go-kart track don't go down too well in the office (T) (9087)

9.00 News (T) and weather (1667)

9.30 Bloomin' Marvellous Jack feels trapped by the imminent arrival of the baby and sets out with Jeff to recapture his freedom at the Parachute Club. With Clive Mantle and Sarah Lancashire (T) (14241)

10.00 Panorama: Playing With Fire A report on Britain's young arsonists (T) (390975)

10.40 Full Circle with Michael Palin (r) (T) (513667) **WALES: 10.40** Catalysts (399174) **11.20** Full Circle with Michael Palin (823716) **12.15am** Film '97 with Barry Norman (24174) **12.45** FILM: Hannie Caulder (2474410) **2.05** News

11.35 Film '97 with Barry Norman Reviews of *Contact*, starring Jodie Foster as an astronomer who receives a message from aliens, and *The Leading Man*, a theatrical thriller with Jon Bon Jovi and Barry Humphries. Barry also casts his eye over new crime thriller *Face*, starring Robert Carlyle, Ray Davies and Blur's *Damon Albarn* (T) (858667)

12.05am Hannie Caulder (1971) with Raquel FILM Welch and Ernest Borgnine. A woman seeks revenge on the trio of outlaws who brutally raped her, murdered her husband and set fire to their home. Directed by Burt Kennedy (2559762)

1.25 Weather (4945830)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Putting Training to Work (4577919) **6.25** Images of Disability (T) (4589754) **6.50** Deaf-Blind Education in Russia (T) (5387754)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (4427174)

7.30 Swat Kats (r) (6518551) **7.55** To Me, to You (r) (T) (5520629) **8.20** Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (r) (3380396) **8.35** Teletubbies (r) (1102919) **9.00** Cartoon (4932667) **9.10** Spanish Globo (2520087) **9.15** Clementine (4911174) **9.30** Writing and Pictures (T) (9612990) **9.45** Storytime (9617445) **10.00** Teletubbies (89803) **10.30** Words and Pictures (3836648) **10.45** Cats' Eyes (3824803) **11.00** Look and Read (2092613) **11.20** Zig Zag (9130990) **11.40** Landmarks (7429990) **12.00** Job Bank (7179984)

12.10pm Job Bank (7271396) **12.20** Showcase (6404551) **12.30** Working *Lunch* (95377) **1.00** *The Greedysaurus Gang* (r) (73503667) **1.05** Hairy Jeremy (r) (73502938) **1.10** The Craft Hour (8236880) **2.10** News (T) (32809342)

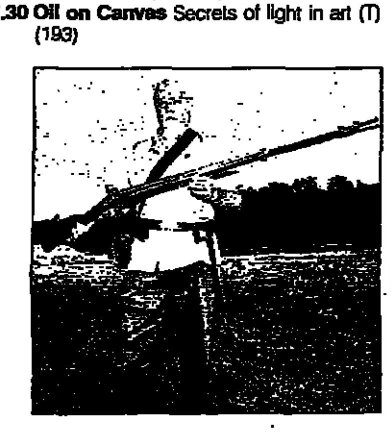
2.15 Liberal Democrat Conference Includes a debate on devolution (127321)

3.55 News (T) (6035648) **4.00** Ready, Steady, Cook (280) **4.30** Going, Going, Gone (6763919) **4.55** Esther: rags to riches (7095290) **5.30** Today's the Day (716)

6.00 Battlestar Galactica (r) (T) (2/2) (728990)

6.45 Conference Talk: Liberal Democrat Conference (122087)

7.30 Oil on Canvas Secrets of light in art (T) (193)



The Springfield on show (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE ***Decisive Weapons*** *The development of the Springfield Rifled Musket* (T) (1822)

8.30 The Travel Show Cayman Islands: special interest holidays. Last in series (7629)

9.00 Changing Rooms Last in the series of the decorating challenge show from Penistone in Yorkshire (T) (9209)

9.30 CHOICE **Picture This** Behind the scenes at MTV, following the station's hectic schedule (T) (14223)

10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks Pop quiz with Gary Barlow, Edwyn Collins, Jeff Green and Tony Wright joining host Mark Lamarr and team captains Sean Hughes and Phill Jupitus (T) (69464)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (865532)

11.20 Jonathan Miller's Opera Works (T) Aria v song (373396)

12.00 Weather (2655205)

12.05am Duckman (3377965)

12.30 Learning Zone: Wendepunkte (70052) **1.00** The Next Five Minutes (51588) **1.30** Art and the Left (90965) **2.00** Teaching Today (61679) **4.00** *Italia 2000: Attivita* (10304) **4.30** Royal Institute Discourse (18781) **5.30** So You Want to Work in Social Care? (82110)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (7333735)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (2616700)

9.55 Regional News (1246261)

10.00 The Time, the Place (83629)

10.30 This Morning (18054464)

12.20pm Regional News (6408377)

12.30 News (T) and weather (9516342)

12.55 High Road (T) (9697261)

1.25 Home and Away (T) (58321822)

1.50 The Woman for Joe (1956) with Diane FILM Cilento, George Baker and Jimmy Karoubi. Tension rises when the owner of a circus and one of his artistes fall in love with the same woman. Directed by George More O'Ferrall (6233735)

3.20 News (T) (4935667)

3.25 Regional News (T) (4934938)

3.30 Tots TV (r) (1511984) **3.40** The Slow Norns (7427716) **3.50** Wolves, Witches and Giants (1515700) **4.05** Sooty and Co (T) (4671984) **4.25** Sabrina the Teenage Witch (T) (4753532) **4.50** How 2 (T) (6566087)

5.10 WALES: Animal Country (2503716)

5.10 We Are Seven The trials and tribulations of village life in the 1930s (2503716)

5.40 News (T) and weather (951483)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (795280)

6.25 HTV Weather (671261)

6.30 HTV News (T) (735)

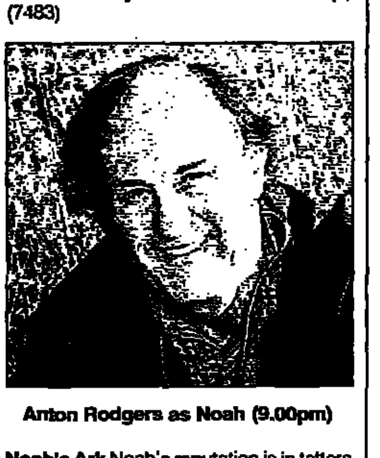
6.56 Crimestoppers (553071)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers Gameshow hosted by Philip Schofield (6700)

7.30 Coronation Street Fred and Maureen get married, Sally and Natalie exchange blows. With Sherrie Hewson and John Savident (T) (919)

8.00 World in Action An investigation into the millions of pounds being spent on oil exploration in the jungles of South America (T) (5648)

8.30 Michael Barrymore's Strike it Rich (T) (7483)



Anton Rodgers as Noah (9.00pm)

9.00 Noah's Ark Noah's reputation is in tatters after the death of a valuable cow. He is also powerless to help a smallholder threatened with eviction, until Tom and Clare make a discovery (T) (3377)

10.00 News (T) and weather (56990)

10.30 Regional News (421377)

10.40 Nash Bridges Nash and Joe trail the heirs to a Mafia family (T) (598358)

11.40 Highlander (457822)

12.40am Football Extra (8666830)

1.40 War of the Worlds (r) (1652656)

2.30 Rockmania (r) (61859)

3.30 God's Gift (66304)

4.30 Recollections (47451472)

4.35 World in Action (r) (T) (31304588)

5.00 Coronation Street *(r) (T) (45439)*

5.30 News (82156)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9697261)

1.50 Blue Heelers (3538006)

2.50-3.20 High Road (6908735)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2503716)

6.25-7.00 Central News (625464)

11.40 Swift Justice (715358)

12.35am Football Extra (8674859)

1.35 Late and Loud (3670878)

2.35 ***Curtis Calls*** *(7901859)*

2.40 Film: Georgy Girl (388304)

4.20 Central Jobfinder '97 (3031588)

5.20 Asian Eye (1073830)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (6408377)

12.55 Home and Away (9697261)

1.25 High Road (13188214)

1.55 Murder, She Wrote (3546025)

2.50-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (6908735)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2503716)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (90822)

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (457822)

4.30am Recollections (47451472)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 Shortland Street (9697261)

1.50 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China (1807754)

2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (2390218)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2503716)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (483)

6.30-7.00 A Tale of Four Favourite Towns *(735)*

10.30 Meridian News and Weather (412629)

10.45 Nash Bridges (507006)

11.40 The Pier (171782)

12.05am The Listings (3900192)

12.10 The Loop (3384255)

4.30 Recollections (47451472)

5.00 Freescreen (45439)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9697261)

1.50 Homemaker (1807754)

2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (2390218)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2503716)

6.23 Anglia Weather (672990)

6.25-7.00 Anglia News (625464)

10.40 Backstage *(932532)*

12.10am Weekly World News (3384255)

4.30 Recollections (47451472)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (10261) **9.00 Ysgolion** (453648) **11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier** (2342) **12.00 Right to Reply** (53803) **12.30pm Baby Baby** (80445) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (83860445) **1.15 Miffi** (83785700) **1.30 Film: Bigger Than Life** (73985071) **3.15 Secrets of the Rainforest** (9091551) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One** (648) **4.30 Garden Party** (532) **5.00 5 Pump** (5974938) **5.15 Ffeil** (9171629) **5.30 Countdown** (984) **6.00 Newyddion** *(995764)* ***6.10 Heno*** *(733822)* **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (816667) **7.25 Taro Naw** (379193) **8.00 Eric** (6990) **8.30 Newyddion** (5025) **9.00 Marc Bolan: Dandy in the Underworld** (1919) **10.00 Sgorio** (4006) **11.00 Whose Line is it Anyway?** (898025) **11.25 The American Football Big Match** (220280) ***12.45am-1.45*** **Ian Hislop's School Rules** (310679)

CHANNEL 4

5.55am Sesame Street (22193)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (10261)

9.00 Schools: The English Programme (T) (2717483) **9.25** Schools at Work (2543938) **9.30** Geography Junction (T) (9614358) **9.45** Book Box (T) (9539613) **10.00** Stage Two Science (T) (7728938) **10.15** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (7701261) **10.30** Place and People (T) (8098025) **10.50** Stop, Look, Listen (T) (1742342) **11.00** Living and Growing (T) (9058342) **11.15** *The Mix (T) (9144193)*

11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Vegetables in cider cream sauce; saddle of lamb; apple and chocolate cake (T) (2342)

12.00 Sesame Street (53803) **12.30pm** Baby *Baby* (80445) **1.00** Light Lunch (r) (64700) **2.00** Horsey Mail (b/w) GPO film (11397209)

2.10 Jubal (1955) starring Glenn Ford, Ernest FILM Borgnine, Valerie French and Rod Steiger. Western about the arrival of a ranch hand to whom his employer's young wife takes a shine. Directed by Delmer Daves (T) (700025)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One The first of a new series (T) (648) **4.30** Countdown (T) (6758087) **4.55** Montel Williams (T) (5295218) **5.30** Absolutely Animals (r) (T) (984)

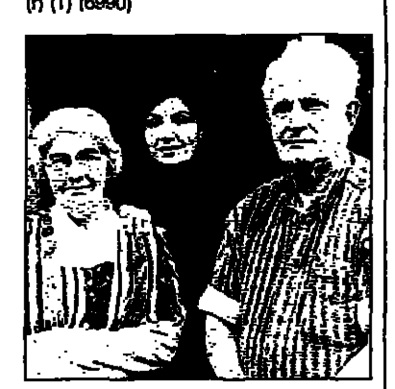
6.00 Home Improvement: Brother Can You Spare a Hot Rod? Trouble brews for Tim when he sells his hot rod (T) (975)

6.30 Hollyoaks Ruth and Kurt are feeling confident about the outcome of the radio debate (T) (377)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (204700)

7.50 Music of the Millennium The first programme in a three-week survey to discover the British public's favourite pieces of music. Lord Yehudi Menuhin's favourite music (582358)

8.00 Undercover Britain: Taxi Touts The extortionate world of London's taxi touts (r) (T) (6990)



The Halligan family (8.30pm)

8.30 Short Stories: Life Savers How a Toxteth Credit Union run by Eileen Halligan has sent the local loan sharks running (T) (5025)

9.00 CHOICE ***Equinox: Fighting the G-Force*** Coming to terms with the fact that fighter technology has outstripped the endurance of the human body (T) (1919)

10.00 NYPD Blue: Tail Light's Last Gleaming Sipowicz is haunted by dreams about his dead son (T) (629667)

10.55 Seven Sins Author Kathy Lette on envy (T) (936358)

11.25 The American Football Big Match Highlights from the weekend's matches (505483)

12.40am Trans World Sport *(r)* (8664472)

1.40 Football Italia (r) (21995762)

4.00 Schools: *GNVQ — is it for you?* (232781)

5.35 Terrytoons (3378149)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00am 5 News Early (7135532)

7.30 USA High *Teen sitcom (r) (5226613)*

8.00 Havakazoo (4267795)

8.30 WideWorld The issues raised by the increase in people working from home (9/15) (5617236)

9.00 Espresso *(7684377)* ***10.00*** *Exclusive (r)* (6858532) **10.30** Attractions (r) (5712880) **11.00** Leeza (1202938) **11.50** Double Espresso (69524754)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) *(1017272)* **12.30pm** *Family Affairs (r)* (T) (9704532)

1.00 5 News Update (85878754) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (8487006) **2.00** 5's Company (8458667)

3.30 The Dance Goes On *(1991) with James* FILM Keach and Matthew Almond. A sentimental drama: a young Californian and his estranged father embark on a journey to rediscover their roots. Paul Almond directs (7146648)

5.30 Move on Up Game show (9937209)

6.00 100 Per Cent The game show without a host (9927822)

6.30 Family Affairs Mel returns from her *course (T) (9918174)*

7.00 Oasis: Mad for It The second part of the documentary series about the pop group examines Liam and Noel's unbringing (8990445)

7.30 The Dragon's Tale *A wildlife documentary about the creatures that inhabit the Indonesian island of Sulawesi* (9914358)

8.00 Hot Property A couple from Cardiff *looking for a £100,000-£180,000 home* (T) (8909193)

8.30 5 News (T) (8815700)

9.00 The Sweeney Vintage Flying Squad drama series with John Thaw and Dennis *Waterman (6414006)*

The legal team (10.00pm)

10.00 CHOICE **Wing and a Prayer** The first of a new British legal drama *series* (T) (3475272)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (1397990)

11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4705396)

12.45am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine (28546269)

3.45 Asian Football Show (6018694)

4.35 The Streets of San Francisco (6367878)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7569014)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (764071) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (92464) **10.00** Another World (51532) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (71396) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (21716) **1.00pm** Geraldo *(30464)* **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (37464) **3.00** Jenny Jones (50700) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (42735) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1097) **6.00** The Live 6 Show *(7377)* **6.30** Married ..with Children (8629) **7.00** The Simpsons (2716) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4613) **8.00** Star Trek: Voyager (62087) **9.00** Poltergeist: The Legacy (75561) **10.00** Sliders (85938) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (52261) **12.00** Late Show (89897) **1.00am** Hit Mix (2701168)

SKY BOX OFFICE

ONE NIGHT ONLY

A pay-per-view event. Top WWF Wrestling available on Transponder 60

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Colour Me Perfect (1996) (60789822) **7.45 Dreamer (1979)** (43892193) **9.30 The Crowded Sky (1960)** (54025) **11.30 Letter to My Killer (1995)** (71851025) **1.15pm Bedtime Story (1964)** (885990) **3.15 Colour Me Perfect (1996)** (44513667) **5.00 Letter to My Killer (1995)** (18700) **7.00 Short Circuit II (1988)** (58445) **9.00** ***Restoration (1996)*** (87342) **11.00 Leon (1994)** (912826) **12.50am Les Patterson Saves the World (1987)** (5501526) **2.20 Madonna: Innocence Lost (1994)** (9417946) **3.50 Frankenstein Must Be Destroyed (1970)**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Hollywood Cavalcade (1939) (19272) **8.00 Three Ninjas Kick Back (1994)** (26358) **10.00 Helen of Troy (1956)** *(44667)* **12.00 Fire Down Below (1957)** (49309) ***2.00pm The Dolly Sisters (1946)*** (67532) **4.00 Time Warrior: Trapped on Toy World (1995)** (7261) **6.00 Three Ninjas Kick Back (1994)** (49993) **7.30 E! Features** (3551) **8.00 Diana Kilmury: Teamster (1996)** (96813) **10.00 Barb Wire (1996)** (254193) **11.40 Dead Weekend (1995)** (625087) **1.15am A Hatful of Rain (1957)** (459385) **3.05 Cyclo (1995)** (10572946) **5.15 Joe at the Kingdom of the Bees (1972)** (915743)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm No Man of Her Own (1950) (9559025) **6.00 Off Limits (1953)** (3898829) **8.00 The Poseidon Adventure (1972)** (3893174) **10.00 The Fury (1978)** (5016735) ***12.00 Dead Man's Folly (1986)*** (7893946) **1.35am Murder Me, Murder You (1983)** (3543385) **3.15 Angel Face (1953)** (9635697) **4.45 Close**

TNT

9.00pm Little Women (1933) (37878445) **11.00 Where Eagles Dare (1969)** (56016280) **1.45am Billy the Kid (1989)** (60881526) **3.30 The Hour of Thirteen (1952)** (13075588) **5.00 Close**

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Futbol Mundial (98087) **7.30** Sports Unlimited (33716) **8.30** World Sport Special (18377) **9.00** Racing News (98759) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (45919) **10.00** Football Special (71667) **11.30** Futbol Mundial (74358) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (12193) **12.30pm** Watersports World *(35261)* **1.30** Football Special (21396) **3.00** Rugby League: Super League (538803) **5.30** High 5 (5754) **6.00** Sports Centre (2667) **6.30** Ryder Cup Countdown (3919) **7.00** Football: Liverpool v Aston Villa — Live (9326735) **10.30** *Sports Centre (26342)* **11.00** Ryder Cup Countdown (98938) **11.30** Football League Review (70193) **12.00** Football: Liverpool v Aston Villa (16965) **2.00am** Sports Centre (18491) **2.30** Football League Review (37526) **3.00** *Sports Centre (18410)* **3.30** Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics Oz Style (6876209) **7.30** Windsurfing (6855716) **8.00** Racing News (5848990) **8.30** Tennis: Davis Cup (8175367) **12.00** *Football League Review* (2949483) **1.30pm** World Superbikes Championship (1093358) **3.30** Australian Rules Football (4095919) **5.30** Football League Review (3357714) **6.00** Windsurfing (3134957) **6.30** V-Max (9439349) **7.00** Sports Centre (9123990) **7.30** Ryder Cup (7534713) **8.00** World Motor Sport (8321174) **10.30** V-Max (5868754) **11.00** Football League Review (7393938) **11.30** Watersports World (7345174) **12.30am** Hockey (5975656) **2.30** Close

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00pm Golf: Brush Masters (80754700) **1.30** Golf: Texas Open (50895296) **4.00** NFL American Football (38512532) **7.00** Fishing Texas (99810223) **7.30** Gone Fishing (31120735) **8.00** Hockey (37871532) **10.00** Big League Classics (88251483) **11.30** Close

EUROSPORT

7.30am Mountain Bike (55984) **8.30** All Sports (29261) **10.00** Youth Football (43551) **12.00** Motorcycling (53938) **1.00pm** Adventure (15754) **1.30** Triathlon (33174) **2.00** Live Cycling (23975) **3.30** All Sports (31006) **5.00** World Games (7667) **6.00** Speedworld (27938) ***8.00*** *Sumo* (28667) **9.00** Tractor Pulling (70323) **10.00** Football (36822) **11.30** Boxing (72223) **12.30am** Close

UK GOLD

7.00am *Pontaghost* (4064667) **7.35** Neighbours (9809025) **8.00** Crossroads (9387938) **8.25** EastEnders (3805667) **9.00** The Bill (6930754) **9.30** Howards' Way (4280803) **10.00** In Loving Memory (1677377) **10.30** The Sullivans (6936338) **11.00** Kinsey (53188648) **12.05pm** Crossroads (72209735) **12.30** Neighbours (4391919) **1.00** EastEnders (5813321) **1.35** 'Allo 'Allo! (5744483) **2.15** Gingerbread Girl (8206342) **2.50** Are You Being Served? (2908667) **3.30** The Bill (4997087) **4.00** Casualty (11617261) **5.05** EastEnders *(4008844)* ***5.40*** *Bob's Full House (9396342)* **6.20** The Two Ronnies (4171193) **7.20** Dr Who (9393938) **7.50** Home to Roost (3237435) **8.20** Victoria Wood (8108919) **9.00** The Bill (2186754) **9.30** Stay Lucky (55704919) **10.35 FILM: Ironside: Amy Prentiss** (56754777) **12.25am** Spinning Image (7137385) **12.55 FILM: The Night We Dropped a Clanger (1959)** (35830439) **2.25** Shopping (80529120)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am *E! (4713290)* ***8.30*** *Beadle's About* (6500342) **7.00** Coronation St (8333087) **7.30** Families (8345822) **8.00** Surprise Surprise (5107358) **9.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (4913498) **10.00** Mission Impossible (8341006) **11.00** The Sandbaggers (8258342) **12.00** Coronation St (5317445) **12.30pm** Families (1959464) **1.00** Blind Date (1953919) **2.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (6698561) **3.00** Beadle's About (8951396) **3.30** Surgical Spirit (7859396) **4.00** Mission Impossible (7412434) **5.00** The Sandbaggers (8942648) **6.00** Families (7848280) ***6.30*** *Coronation St (7839532)* **7.00** Blind Date (7611716) **8.00** Mission Impossible (7620464) **9.00** Coronation St (1012498) **9.30** The Comedians (1865700) **10.00** Prime Suspect III (7610087) **11.00** Close

Shelley Winters in *The Poseidon Adventure* (Movies Gold, 8.00pm)

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (61532) **6.30** Lamb Chop (82551) **7.00** Chip 'n' Dale (20209) **7.30** Quack Pack (35236) **8.00** Dinosaurs (68396) **8.30** Bonkers (67667) **9.00** Gummi Bears (58919) **9.30** Groundling Marsh (94209) **10.00** Sesame Street (25700) **11.00** Hunny Pot (5047396) **11.15** Rosie and Jim (4289358) **11.40** Sing Me a Story (5582769) **12.00** Big Garage (7624938) **12.45pm** Winnie the Pooh (25947716) **1.00** Sesame Street (86280) **2.00** Amazing Animals (2754) **2.30** *Care Bears* (7174) **3.00** Tale Spin (1261) **3.30** Cool Troop (9919) **4.00** Timon and Pumbaa (1754) **4.30** Aladdin (7938) **5.00** Gargoyles (3006) **5.30** Dinosaurs (1990) **6.00** Blossom (6803) **6.30** Boy Meets World (2483) **7.00** *Home Improvement (1782)* **7.30** The Wonder Years (8667) **8.00 FILM: The Goodbye Bird (1993)** (31803) **9.30** Dave's World (78261) **10.00** Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Delfy (6470822) **6.30** Billy the Cat (2402754) **7.00** Pinocchio (4059483) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (4039990) **8.00** Beetleborgs (8640735) **8.30** Masked Rider (8649006) **9.00** The Magic Box (8630358) **9.30** Dudley the Dragon (6948735) **10.00** Inspector Gadget (2493006) **10.30** Samurai Pizza Cats (8556342) **11.00** Sweet Valley High (4054938) **12.00** Ace Ventura (8643822) **12.30pm** Casper (6942551) **1.00** The Tick (4058754) **1.30** Iron Man (6941822) **2.00** Fantastic Four (9113174) **2.30** Power Rangers Zeo (1653867) **3.00** Beetleborgs (9132209) ***3.30*** *Masked Rider* (1552984) **4.00** Ace Ventura (1644919) **4.30** Casper (1633803) **5.00** The Tick (9137754) **5.30** X Men (1657483) **6.00** Spiderman (1654396) **6.30** Sweet Valley High (1645648) **7.00** Close

TCC

6.00am Happily Ever After (74006) **6.30** Bobby's World (95025) **7.00** Spirou (26483) **7.30** Dennis the Menace (35290) **8.00** Batman (68342) **8.30** The Bots Master (67613) **9.00** Art Attack (54193) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (90483) **10.00** Gravedale High (86377) **10.30** Flash Gordon (50377) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (19445) **11.30** The New Adventures of Gigantor (10174) **12.00** Gravedale High (41629) **12.30pm** The Bots Master (98071) **1.00** Batman (25754) **1.30** Eek the Cat (97342) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (2700) **2.30** Flash Gordon (6808) **3.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (4735) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (5193) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (1700) **4.30** Art Attack (7984) **5.00** Close

CARTOON NETWORK

All your favourite cartoons broadcast from ***5.00am*** *to* ***9.00pm***, *seven days a week*

NICKELODEON

6.00am Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (23532) **6.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (85071) **7.00** Hey Arnold! (96629) **7.30** Rugrats (20844) **8.00** Doug (17648) **8.30** Country Mouse and City Mouse (16919) **9.00** CBBC (27071) **10.30** Babar (29483) **11.00** Magic School Bus (91071) **11.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (92700) **12.00** Paddington Bear/the Wombles/Victor and Maria/Oscar and Friends/Wilo the W (10735) **12.30pm** *Portland Bill/Astro Farm/Trap Door/Plasmo* (47377) **1.00** Dr Seuss (15700) **1.30** Little Bear Stories (46648) **2.00** Animal Show (3714) **2.30** CBBC (2280) **3.00** CBBC (9261) **3.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters/Doug (4025) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (3532) **4.30** Rugrats (9716) **5.00** Sister Sister (1006) **6.00** Sabrina the Teenage Witch (5939) **6.30** Kablam! (4261) **7.00** Close

TROUBLE

12.00pm Swan's Crossing (6912358) **12.30** Ready or Not (4286087) **1.00** Madison (6744782) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (4285358) **2.00** Saved by the Bell (6370445) **2.30** Swan's Crossing (4910938) **3.00** Ready or Not (6382280) **3.30** No Naked Flames (4915483) **4.00** Saved by the Bell (4994990) **4.30** USA High (4990174) **5.00** Hangtime (6394025) **5.30** Sweet Valley High (4914754) **6.00** Teenage Urban Adventurers (3946990) **6.15** Rush (3941445) **6.30** Madison (4902919) **7.00** Hangtime (6374261) **7.30** USA High (4991803) **8.00** Close

BRAVO

8.00pm The Prisoner (1488716) **9.00** The Burning Zone (1491280) **10.00** Tour of Duty (1401667) **11.00 FILM: Vice Squad (1982)** (6550822) **1.00am** The Burning Zone (7154101) **2.00** Tour of Duty (9938491) **3.00 FILM: Demons II (1987)** (1424878) **5.00** Planet of the Apes (1284762)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Grace Under Fire (8342) **7.30** Roseanne (5795) **8.00** Ellen (1590) **8.30** Cybill (9025) **9.00** Cheers (84735) **9.30** Taxi (54613) **10.00** Frasier (11464) **10.30** Alexei Sayle (24984) **11.00** In Bed with McDinner (89280) **11.30** Nightstand (78735) **12.00** Soap (86149) **12.30am** The Odd Couple (30472) **1.00** E Uk (84548) **1.30** Taxi (42965) **2.00** Roseanne (16033) **2.30** In Bed with McDinner (35168) **3.00** Frasier (16052) **3.30** Alexei Sayle (19120) **4.00** Close

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Sightings (9969990) **9.00** Sightings (9989754) **10.00** Space Precinct (9896613) **11.00** Friday the 13th (7350342) **12.00** Sightings (9523491) **1.00am** The Twilight *Zone (2640014)* ***1.30*** *Tales of the Unexpected* (7709149) **2.00** Dark Shadows (7595236) **2.30** Hitchcock (7574743) **3.00** Friday the 13th (9457032) **4.00** Close

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am *Simply Painting (6938396)* **9.30** Gardeners' Diary (4288445) **10.00** Garden Club (1675919) **10.30** Room Service (6927280) **11.00** The House (2164532) **11.30** Graham Kerr (2165261) **12.00** Julia Child (6918532) **12.30pm** Hometime (4282261) **1.00** This Old House (1895236) **1.30** New Yankee Workshop (4381532) **2.00** Doing It Up (6383919) **2.30** Our House (4810984) **4.00** Close

DISCOVERY

4.00pm History's Turning Points (4907464) **4.30** Air Ambulance (4903648) **5.00** Connections 2 (6294071) **5.30** Jurassica 2 (4814700) **6.00** Wild Guide (4811613) **6.30** Wild at Heart (4908193) **7.00** Discovery News (6387735) **7.30** History's Turning Points (4904377) **8.00** Ancient Warriors (6396483) **8.30** On the Road Again (6375990) **9.00** Adventures of the Quest (1404754) **10.00** Discovery Signature (1301613) **11.00** Wings Over the World (4140303) **12.00** Special Forces (5372859) **12.30am** Air Ambulance (2038168) **1.00** History's Turning Points (8821120) **1.30** Connections 2 (6447304) **2.00** Close

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Lunge Lizards (9117990) **7.30** Same Time, Same Place (1634532) **8.00** Mothers of the Wild (1017716) **9.00** Shipwreck on the Skeleton Coast (1020280) **10.00** Heaven's Breath (1030667) **11.00** Love Those Trains (4035803) **12.00** Endangered: Crowned Eagles (6370878) **12.30am** Gauchos (6460168) **1.00** Close

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm *Vietnam, the Ten Thousand Day War* (7392209) **5.00** The Great Ship (9122261) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (2741764) **7.00** Biography: Audrey Hepburn (1361342) **8.00** Close

CHALLENGE TV

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5.00pm Cross Wits **5.30** Say the Word **6.00** Family Fortunes **6.30** Catchphrase **7.15** The $64,000 Question **8.00** Split Second **8.30** Move on Up **9.15** Winner Takes All **10.00** Treasure Hunt **11.15** Whittle **12.00** Say the Word **12.30am** Hart to Hart **1.30** The Big Valley **2.30** Mighty Jungle **3.00** My Two Dads **3.30** Where I Live **4.00** National Geographic Explorer **5.00** Shopping

UK LIVING

6.00am Lucky Ladders **6.35** Lingo **7.00** *Tiny Living* ***9.00*** *I Dream of Jeannie* ***9.30*** Gordon Elliott **10.10** Jerry Springer **11.00** The Young and the Restless **11.50** Brookside **12.20pm** Why Me? **12.50** Rolonda **1.40** Tempestt **2.30** Cheap Chic **3.00** Live at Three **4.05** Jerry Springer **5.00** Rolonda **5.50** Lucky Ladders **6.20** Ready, Steady, Cook **7.00** Hearts Afire **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles **8.00** Adrenalin Junkies **9.00 FILM: There Are No Children Here** **11.00** The Erogonous Zone **12.00** Close

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** Film Deewane **8.00** Raahat **8.30** Out and About **9.00 FILM: Footpath** **11.30** *Kurukshetra* **12.00** Parampara **12.30pm** Raahat **1.00** Gujarati **FILM: Khamro Lodan** **4.00** ZEE Zone Presents **4.05** Ikke Pe Ikka **4.35** Hum Panch **5.00** Zone Time **5.25** It's My Show **6.00** The Mast Mast Show **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** Your Zindagi **7.30** It's My Choice **8.00** News and Euronews **8.30** Sailaab **9.00** Hindi **FILM: Rampur Ka Laxman** **12.00** Close

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BBC and BSkyB in new dispute

By Raymond Snoddy
Media Editor

THE row between British Sky Broadcasting, the satellite group, and the BBC over a planned BBC 24-hour television news service has ignited again.

BskyB has accused the BBC and John Birt, its Director-General, of predatory pricing because of its plan to offer the new service free to cable television operators. BSkyB claims this will damage its own 24-hour service. Sky News, which costs cable companies 49p a month per subscriber.

Three cable companies are believed to have already served notice to drop Sky News in preference to the new BBC service, which is due to be launched at the beginning of November. Sky News is available free to those with a satellite dish.

The BBC has submitted a new application to Chris Smith, the Culture, Media and Sports Secretary, asking for permission to offer the channel free of charge.

Earlier this month the corporation asked Mr Smith to withdraw the permission already given because the complex issues involved had not been fully set out in the original application. The danger was that BSkyB, a consortium in which News International, owner of *The Times*, has a 40 per cent stake, would immediately seek a judicial review of the decision.

The BBC wants to reach as many people as possible with its new service, which is being paid for by licence fee money. All cable subscribers have already paid their BBC licence fee and the BBC believes it is reasonable to offer the service to them at no extra charge.

If the Government decides to renew the BBCs permission to give the channel free to cable companies, BSkyB is expected to retaliate.

Financier uses IMF conference as platform to attack Malaysian leader

Global boom will collapse, Soros warns

By Alasdair Murray and Janet Bush in Hong Kong

GEORGE SOROS yesterday issued a stark warning that the current global economic boom will soon end in bust and that further deregulation of international financial markets will prove no cure for economic instability.

The billionaire financier, who is credited with forcing the pound out of the ERM in 1992, also launched a furious attack on Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia, whom he accused of being a "menace to his country".

In a direct riposte to the International Monetary Fund, which is calling for further liberalisation of international capital flows, Mr Soros said new moves to open financial sectors to foreign involvement could prove misguided due to the "fickleness" of international capital. "Financial markets are inherently unstable and international markets even more so," Mr Soros told delegates at the IMF annual conference in Hong Kong.

"International capital flows are notorious for their boom-bust pattern and I cannot believe the present boom will not be followed by bust until history has proven me wrong," Mr Soros said.

Mr Soros's comments were made only a few days after *The Times* revealed that Warren Buffett, the renowned American investor, has moved $2 billion into US Treasury bills. This was regarded as a sign of Mr Buffett's nervousness at the current high stock market prices.

Mr Soros said the "laissez-faire" idea that markets should be left to correct themselves was "dangerous" and likely to cause serious economic and social dislocation.

Mr Soros instead gave his backing to a greater mobilisation of domestic savings to decrease reliance on foreign capital and called for greater international co-operation to improve the global financial system. "I am firmly convinced that the present global capitalist system can be sustained only by deliberate and persistent efforts to correct and contain its deficiencies," he said. "Co-operation between central banks is always worthwhile," added Mr Soros who offered his support for joint action in South-East Asia to help to cure the region's currency turmoil.

But Mr Soros strongly rejected a call by the Malaysian Prime Minister to protect his country's currency, the ringgit, by banning currency trading, claiming it did not deserve "serious consideration". Mr Soros said: "Interfering with convertibility of capital at a moment like this is a recipe for disaster."

Mr Soros insisted that Dr Mahathir was simply using him as a "scapegoat to cover up his own failure", adding that his funds had bought and held rather than sold Asian currencies during the crisis. Mr Soros also said he believed the region would bounce back from this "temporary setback" providing structural reforms in the banking sector were completed.

Dr Mahathir's comments even prompted panic in his own Government, with Anwar Ibrahim, Finance Minister, forced to try to restore credibility. Mr Ibrahim claimed that Dr Mahathir was simply referring to plans for further financial liberalisation.

Dr Mahathir has repeatedly blamed "buccaneer" currency traders, and Mr Soros in particular, for prompting the economic crisis that devastated currencies and stock markets across South-East Asia during the past few months.

"Currency trading is unnecessary, unproductive and totally immoral," Dr Mahathir said, before warning that he would ban all currency trading not needed for financing trade.

But analysts predicted another wave of selling of Asian currencies today in response to the latest heresy from Dr Mahathir and obvious tensions between the Malaysian Prime Minister and senior government officials.

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Fund targets capital markets

THE International Monetary Fund said yesterday it is aiming to make the reform of global capital markets one of its principle policy goals (Alasdair Murray writes).

The IMF's interim committee, its main policy-making body, is to give the "highest priority" to reforming its own articles to include a clause "that would make the liberalisation of capital movements one of the purposes of the fund".

Michel Camdessus, managing director, said: "The agreement on the liberalisation of capital movements will be a milestone in the history of the fund." The IMF already has a clause in its articles which deals with currency convertibility. Under the terms of the new clause the IMF will establish guidelines for capital transactions and provide safeguards and transitional arrangements.

George Soros said the idea that markets should be left to correct themselves was dangerous

Brown to publish details of currency reserves

From Janet Bush

GORDON BROWN, the Chancellor, yesterday continued his drive for more open government by promising to publish full details of Britain's gold and currency reserves and all its dealings in the foreign exchange market.

If this initiative had been in place in 1992, Britain would have had a full account of the events of Black Wednesday when tne Bank of England spent billions of pounds, effectively wiping out Britain's foreign exchange reserves in a single day in a doomed attempt to keep sterling within the exchange-rate mechanism.

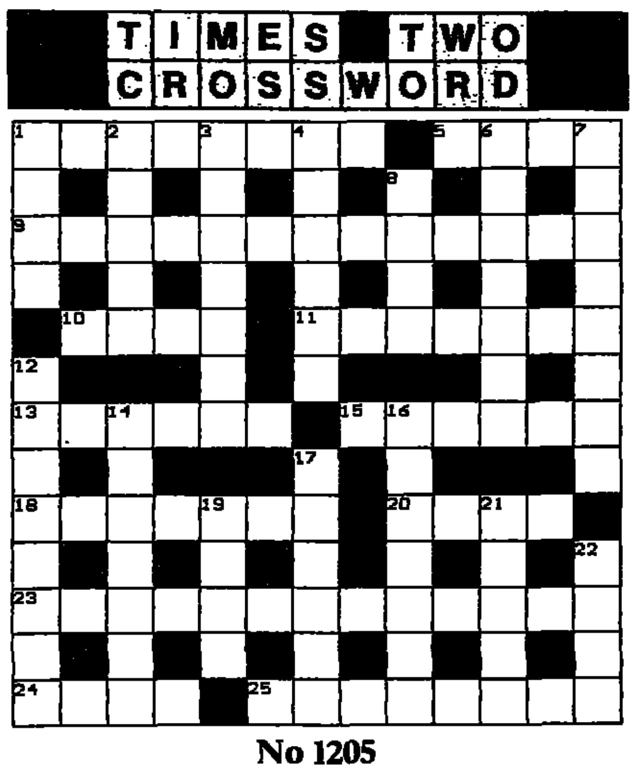
In a statement to the powerful interim committee of the International Monetary Fund, Mr Brown also proposed that the IMF, together with the World Bank and the OECD, develop a code of good practice for promoting openness in fiscal and monetary policy.

Mr Brown said: "The days of managing economic policy secretly behind closed doors and of unaccountable decision making are coming to an end . . . In place of the old conspiracy of silence, there will in future be a duty to inform."

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, was asked yesterday as part of the new spirit of openness to reveal the amount spent on Black Wednesday. He declined.

Every three months, the Treasury will publish full details of its reserves, with a breakdown of the currencies held and a commentary explaining significant changes to the reserves position or make-up. It will also publish details of its position in both spot and forward currency markets. Full accounts of all foreign exchange dealings will also be published annually.

Mr Brown's proposals are particularly relevant in the context of the recent currency turmoil in Asia.



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1 Major misfortune (8)
5 Assistance (4)
9 Be fussy (4.3.6)
10 Boring (computer-obsessed) person (4)
11 In superior direction (7)
13 Shuffle: holiday town (6)
15 One without money (6)
18 As hint, out-of-form player may be (7)
20 (Eg Richmond Hill) girl (4)
23 Accept without protest (4.5.4)
24 Irk (4)
25 A regaining (eg of health) (8)

DOWN
1 Imitate (4)
2 Money made, usually *filthy* (5)
3 Take mazy course (7)
4 Ennui (6)
6 Action for own glorification (3-4)
7 Delight (8)
8 Unfreeze (4)
12 One owed money (8)
14 Swimmer's air-tube (7)
16 Brisk (*mus.*): L'—, *Milton* (7)
17 Counsel (6)
19 Influence; tug (4)
21 Jostle: push may come to it (5)
22 Covetousness (4)

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NYSE inquiry at ING Barings

By Alasdair Murray

ING Barings has launched a review of its emerging markets operations in New York after a New York Stock Exchange investigation discovered a huge backlog of unsettled share bargains at the investment bank.

The NYSE acted after a regular audit found an "unacceptable" number of unreconciled bargains on the Dutch owned bank's books.

News of the investigation will prompt embarrassment at ING, which bailed out Barings after the collapse of the British merchant bank two and a half years ago. In the wake of the crash, ING lost 72 staff from its Latin American team in New York to Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

ING said yesterday that it is reviewing its back office procedures and is considering hiring more staff to help to overcome the problems. But the company pointed out that emerging market trades generally take longer to settle and emphasised the problems bore no resemblance to the unauthorised trades made by Nick Leeson which prompted the collapse of Barings.

The company added that the volume of trades had increased greatly during the past few months because of the economic turmoil in South East Asia and a general increase in emerging market work.

Some reports have suggested that the Securities & Exchange Commission, the chief US regulator, has launched its own investigation, although ING said it had no knowledge of any SEC involvement. ING also denied that Ned Schoenfeld, chief operating officer at ING Barings securities, had been dismissed.

Orange takes 80% off cost of overseas mobile phone calls

By Eric Reguly

THE rivalry between the four mobile phone companies will intensify today with the announcement that Orange is to cut the prices of international calls by as much as 80 per cent.

The changes mean Orange customers may find it cheaper to phone North America than to make a local call, and cheaper to use a mobile phone than a conventional line.

Orange said the new prices, which take effect in October, will undercut British Telecom by about 20 per cent. A five-minute daytime call to New York will cost 88p on Orange, £1.17p on BT and £6.46 on Cellnet, the mobile phone company that is 60 per cent owned by BT. Orange's old rate for the call was £4.29.

The changes are part of Orange's strategy of expanding the use of wireless communications in a market that is losing momentum. Prices for overseas calls among all operators are so high that the service, used almost exclusively by globe-trotting executives, generates an insignificant amount of income.

The cost of a five-minute call to Berlin will be £1.06 on Orange, compared with £1.42 on BT and £4.11 on One-2-One, the smallest operator. The prices are standard rates.

Hans Snook, Orange's managing director, said the price reductions were designed to encourage customers to use their mobile phones as regularly as fixed-line phones. "We believe that there is no reason why the cost of phoning abroad should be as high as it is," he said.

Depending on the service contracts bought by Orange customers, the new international prices can be cheaper than domestic or local calls. Orange's local rate for daytime calls ranges from 14p to 25p a minute, compared with the new 15p a minute rate for calls to the US and Canada.

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Janet Bush on solving the problem of developing country debt

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The new kids on the consultancy block

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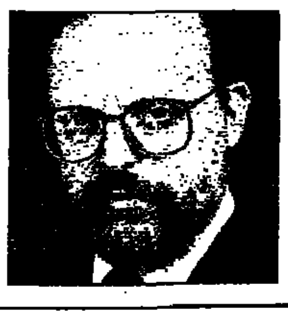

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